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The Discovery of the Oregon Trail Robert Stuart 1995-01-01 Robert Stuart saw the American West a few years after Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and, like them, kept a journal of his epic experience. A partner in John Jacob Astor’s Pacific Fur Company, the Scotsman shipped for Oregon aboard the Tonquin in 1810 and helped found the ill-fated settlement of Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River. In 1812, facing disaster, Stuart and six others slipped away from Astoria and headed east. His journal, edited and annotated by Philip Ashton Rollins, describes their hazardous 3,700-mile journey to St. Louis. Crossing the Rockies in winter, they faced death by cold, starvation, and hostile Indians. But they made history by discovering what came to be called the Oregon Trail, including South Pass, over which thousands of emigrants would travel west in mid-century. Besides Stuart’s narrative, this volume contains important material about Astoria and the fate of the Tonquin, as well as the harrowing account of Wilson Price Hunt, who headed a party of overlanders traveling east to join the Astorians.


A Majority of Scoundrels Don Berry 1961 Is a lively and captivating history of the formative years of the American fur trade, the period in which the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, with its corps of trappers and traders, grew to be the greatest name in the mountains.

Jedediah Smith Barton H. Barbour 2009 Mountain man and fur trader Jedediah Smith casts a heroic shadow. He was the first Anglo-American to travel overland to California via the Southwest, and he roamed through more of the West than anyone else of his era. His adventures quickly became
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Eye for History: The Paintings of William Henry Jackson, From the Collection at the Oregon Trail Museum
Dean Knudsen 1997

Jedediah Smith and the Opening of the West
Dale Lowell Morgan 1953-01-01

In 1822, before Jedediah Smith entered the West, it was largely an unknown land, “a wilderness,” he wrote, “of two thousand miles diameter.” During his nine years as a trapper for Ashley and Henry and later for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, “the mild and Christian young man” blazed the trail westward through South Pass; he was the first to go from the Missouri overland to California, the first to cross the length of Utah and the width of Nevada, first to travel by land up through California and Oregon, first to cross the Sierra Nevada. Before his death on the Santa Fe Trail at the hands of the Comanches, Jed Smith and his partners had drawn the map of the west on a beaver skin.

Jim Bridger Jerry Enzler 2021-04-29

Even among iconic frontiersmen like John C. Frémont, Kit Carson, and Jedediah Smith, Jim Bridger stands out. A mountain man of the American West, straddling the fur trade era and the age of exploration, he lived the life legends are made of. His adventures are fit for remaking into the tall tales Bridger himself liked to tell. Here, in a biography that finally gives this outsize character his due, Jerry Enzler takes this frontiersman’s full measure for the first time—and tells a story that would do Jim Bridger proud. Born in 1804 and orphaned at thirteen, Bridger made his first western foray in 1822, traveling up the Missouri River with Mike Fink and a hundred enterprising
young men to trap beaver. At twenty he “discovered” the Great Salt Lake. At twenty-one he was the first to paddle the Bighorn River’s Bad Pass. At twenty-two he explored the wonders of Yellowstone. In the following years, he led trapping brigades into Blackfeet territory; guided expeditions of Smithsonian scientists, topographical engineers, and army leaders; and, though he could neither read nor write, mapped the tribal boundaries for the Great Indian Treaty of 1851. Enzler charts Bridger’s path from the fort he built on the Oregon Trail to the route he blazed for Montana gold miners to avert war with Red Cloud and his Lakota coalition. Along the way he married into the Flathead, Ute, and Shoshone tribes and produced seven children. Tapping sources uncovered in the six decades since the last documented Bridger biography, Enzler’s book fully conveys the drama and details of the larger-than-life history of the “King of the Mountain Men.” This is the definitive story of an extraordinary life.

Journal of a Trapper Osborne Russell 1921
He Opened the West Don M. Chase 1958-01-01
The Travels of Jedediah Smith Jedediah Strong Smith 1992
The Travels of Jedediah Smith begins with Smith’s own sketch of his entry into the fur trade in 1822, when he left St. Louis with an expedition headed by William H. Ashley and Andrew Henry. The book continues with the Smith’s daily record from June 23, 1827, to July 3, 1828, dealing with his remarkable journey on foot over the Utah desert, his second visit to California, and his trip to Oregon.

The Californios Versus Jedediah Smith, 1826-1827 David J. Weber 1990
Dale Morgan on the Mormons Dale Morgan 2012-11-20
Dale L. Morgan (1914–1971) remains one of the most respected historians of the American West—and his career, one of the least understood. Among today’s scholars his reputation rests largely on his studies of the fur trade and overland trails, yet throughout his life, Morgan’s primary interest was the history of the Latter Day Saints. In this volume—the first of a two-part set—Morgan’s writings on the Mormons finally receive the attention and analysis they merit. Dale Morgan on the Mormons is a far-reaching compilation of the historian’s published and unpublished writings. Edited and annotated by Richard L. Saunders, the collection includes not only essays but also book reviews and bibliographic studies, many published here for the first time. This first volume includes key extracts from Morgan’s contribution to the WPA guide to Utah (1941), which remains an excellent introduction to the complex history of the Beehive State. It further provides a new historiographic introduction to his seminal work The State of Deseret and presents important previously unpublished works on the Kingdom of God, the Deseret Alphabet, and the origins of the infamous...
Danite society. In addition, the volume illuminates Morgan’s legacy as a bibliographer and the significance of that contribution to Latter Day Saint studies. Throughout, Saunders provides informative introductions that place each of the writings or groups of writings into biographical and historical context.

_Fur, Fortune, and Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America_ Eric Jay Dolin 2011-07-05

A Seattle Times selection for one of Best Non-Fiction Books of 2010 Winner of the New EnglandHistorical Association's 2010 James P. Hanlan Award Winner of the Outdoor Writers Association of America 2011 Excellence in Craft Award, Book Division, First Place "A compelling and well-annotated tale of greed, slaughter and geopolitics." —Los Angeles Times

As Henry Hudson sailed up the broad river that would one day bear his name, he grew concerned that his Dutch patrons would be disappointed in his failure to find the fabled route to the Orient. What became immediately apparent, however, from the Indians clad in deer skins and "good furs" was that Hudson had discovered something just as tantalizing. The news of Hudson's 1609 voyage to America ignited a fierce competition to lay claim to this uncharted continent, teeming with untapped natural resources. The result was the creation of an American fur trade, which fostered economic rivalries and fueled wars among the European powers, and later between the United States and Great Britain, as North America became a battleground for colonization and imperial aspirations. In _Fur, Fortune, and Empire_, best-selling author Eric Jay Dolin chronicles the rise and fall of the fur trade of old, when the rallying cry was "get the furs while they last."

Beavers, sea otters, and buffalos were slaughtered, used for their precious pelts that were tailored into extravagant hats, coats, and sleigh blankets. To read _Fur, Fortune, and Empire_ then is to understand how North America was explored, exploited, and settled, while its native Indians were alternately enriched and exploited by the trade. As Dolin demonstrates, fur, both an economic elixir and an agent of destruction, became inextricably linked to many key events in American history, including the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812, as well as to the relentless pull of Manifest Destiny and the opening of the West. This work provides an international cast beyond the scope of any Hollywood epic, including Thomas Morton, the rabble-rouser who infuriated the Pilgrims by trading guns with the Indians; British explorer Captain James Cook, whose discovery in the Pacific Northwest helped launch America's China trade; Thomas Jefferson who dreamed of expanding the fur trade beyond the Mississippi; America's first multimillionaire John Jacob Astor, who built a fortune on a foundation of fur; and intrepid mountain men such as Kit Carson and
Jedediah Smith, who sliced their way through an awe-inspiring and unforgiving landscape, leaving behind a mythic legacy still resonates today. Concluding with the virtual extinction of the buffalo in the late 1800s, Fur, Fortune, and Empire is an epic history that brings to vivid life three hundred years of the American experience, conclusively demonstrating that the fur trade played a seminal role in creating the nation we are today.

**Jedediah Smith’s Journal**
Jedediah Smith
2017-01-21 This is the journal of Jedediah Smith, businessman, mountain man, adventurer and explorer and his expedition to California in 1826. Smith kept a detailed and interesting account as he made his way from Utah, across the Rocky Mountains and to coastal California. He encountered many Indian tribes along the way, some who had never encountered Europeans before. The journey was very difficult, through harsh terrain, and he has many tales to tell of the deprivations of desert and mountain.

**The Lumbee Problem**
2001-01-01 How does a group of people who have American Indian ancestry but no records of treaties, reservations, Native language, or peculiarly "Indian" customs come to be accepted socially and legally as Indians? Originally published in 1980, The Lumbee Problem traces the political and legal history of the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County, North Carolina, arguing that Lumbee political activities have been powerfully affected by the interplay between their own and others' conceptions of who they are. The book offers insights into the workings of racial ideology and practice in both the past and the present South and particularly into the nature of Indianness as it is widely experienced among nonreservation Southeastern Indians. Race and ethnicity, as concepts and as elements guiding action, are seen to be at the heart of the matter. By exploring these issues and their implications as they are worked out in the United States, Blu brings much-needed clarity to the question of how such concepts are or should be applied across real and perceived cultural borders.

**The Personal Narrative of James O. Pattie, of Kentucky**
James Ohio Pattie 1833
Jedediah Smith Barton H. Barbour 2012-09-10
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Jedediah Smith Charles W. Maynard 2002-12-15

Follows the life of the nineteenth-century trapper and explorer who earned his reputation on the western frontier.

Jedediah Smith and His Maps of the American West Dale Lowell Morgan 1954

A Life Wild and Perilous Robert M. Utley 2015-09-15 Early in the nineteenth century, the mountain men emerged as a small but distinctive group whose knowledge and experience of the trans-Mississippi West extended the national consciousness to continental dimensions. Though Lewis and Clark blazed a narrow corridor of geographical reality, the West remained largely terra incognita until trappers and traders—Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, Tom Fitzpatrick, Jedediah Smith—opened paths through the snow-choked mountain wilderness. They opened the way west to Fremont and played a major role in the pivotal years of 1845-1848 when Texas was annexed, the Oregon question was decided, and the Mexican War ended with the Southwest and California in American hands, the Pacific Ocean becoming our western boundary.

The Journal of a Mountain Man Win Blevins 2014-12-09

James Clyman, a literate man in a wild world, was able to set down his extraordinary experiences for posterity. He was a keen and meticulous observer, and his adventures are the stuff of legends. A member of Jedediah Smith’s first brigade, Clyman was there when the South Pass was discovered, opening the inter-mountain West. Crossing the country during the great migration of 1846, Clyman encountered the Donner party and gave them sound advice, which they tragically ignored. A few other adventures: He sewed Jim Bridger’s ear back on after a grizzly bear attack; explored the Green Valley and the Salt Lake Basin; alone and weary, he walked 600 miles to Fort Atkinson. (Still one of the West’s most remarkable tales of survival.) He also kept Bill Sublette from freezing to death en route. Clyman crossed twice to the Pacific and
ended up settling in the Napa Valley, raising his family, and writing down his adventures. In his own heartfelt and exciting words, James Clyman gives us his experiences in the heyday of the American fur trade, and during the peak of exploration and immigration to Oregon and California. A must-read for everyone who loves the West.

**Little Britches** Ralph Moody 1991-01-01 Ralph Moody was eight years old in 1906 when his family moved from New Hampshire to a Colorado ranch. Through his eyes we experience the pleasures and perils of ranching there early in the twentieth century. Auctions and roundups, family picnics, irrigation wars, tornadoes and wind storms give authentic color to Little Britches. So do adventures, wonderfully told, that equip Ralph to take his father's place when it becomes necessary. Little Britches was the literary debut of Ralph Moody, who wrote about the adventures of his family in eight glorious books, all available as Bison Books.

**Jim Bridger - Mountain Man** Stanley Vestal 2013-04-16 This antiquarian volume contains a detailed and insightful biography of Jim Bridger, written by Stanley Vestal. Vestal is well-known for his books about America. In Jim Bridger he paints a bold and authentic picture of a doughty explorer and of the richness of the American nation when it was still young. Full of colourful anecdote and fascinating insights into the life of Jim Bridger, this text will appeal to those with an interest in this noteworthy explorer, and it would make for a wonderful addition to any personal collection. The chapters of this book include: 'Enterprising Young Man', 'Set Poles for the Mountains', 'Tall Tales', 'The Cheyennes' Bloody Junket', 'Fort Phil Kearney', 'Red Cloud's Defiance', 'The Cheyennes' Warning', 'Shot in the Back', 'Arrow Butchered Out', 'Old Cabe to the Rescue', etcetera. We are republishing this volume now complete with a specially commissioned biography of the author.

**Jed Smith** Frank Latham 2003-12 This is a book which tells the story of an outstanding man who deserves to be recognized for his contributions to the opening of the West in the nineteenth century--Jed Smith. He was a daring explorer, a skilled trapper, and a dedicated Christian frontiersman. As a young man, he dared to live his God-given dreams, and, as a result, blazed a trail of achievement and honor throughout much of the West. His work literally opened up major portions of the wilderness territory to settlers traveling west of the Rocky Mountains.

**The Splendid Wayfaring** John G. Neihardt 1920 Enjoy reading about the exploits of Jedediah Smith and his comrades.

**Jedediah Smith and the Opening of the West** Dale Lowell Morgan 1969-01-01 In 1822, before Jedediah Smith entered the West, it was largely an unknown land, “a wilderness,” he wrote, “of
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_Overland in 1846_ Dale Lowell Morgan  
1993-01-01 "We pray the God of mercy to deliver us from our present Calamity," wrote Patrick Breen on the first day of 1847 as he and others in the Donner party awaited rescue from the snowbound Sierras. His famous diary appears in _Overland in 1846_, edited and annotated by Dale L. Morgan. This handsome two-volume work includes not only primary sources of the Donner tragedy but also the letters and journals of other emigrants on the trail that year. Their voices combine to create a sweeping narrative of the westward movement. Volume I concentrates on the experiences of particular pioneers making the passage—their letters and diaries describe omnipresent dangers and momentary joys, landmarks, Indians encountered, disputes within the companies, births and deaths. Volume II, also based on contemporary records, offers a broader but no less vivid view of what it was like to go west in 1846 and pictures what was found in California and Oregon.

_Men Against the Mountains_ Alson Jesse Smith  
1965 Chronicle of the wilderness trek westward to California and up into Oregon, with appraisal of the effects and contributions of the journey.

_Broken Hand_ LeRoy R. Hafen  
1981-01-01 Known by the Indians as "Broken Hand," Thomas Fitzpatrick was a trapper and a trailblazer who became the head of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. With Jedediah Smith he led the trapper band that discovered South Pass; he then shepherded the first two emigrant wagon trains to Oregon, was official guide to Fremont on his longest expedition, and guided Colonel Phil Kearny and his Dragoons along the westward trails to impress the Indians with howitzers and swords. Fitzpatrick negotiated the Fort Laramie treaty of 1851 at the largest council of Plains Indians ever assembled. Among the most colorful of mountain men, Fitzpatrick was also party to many of the most important events in the opening of the West.

_Bill Sublette_ John E. Sunder  
2016-08-18 Bill Sublette (1799-1845) led two lives. Renowned as a hardy mountain man, he ranged the Missouri, Big Horn, Yellowstone, and Sweetwater River country between 1823 and 1833 hunting beaver, fighting Indians, and unwittingly opening the West
for settlers (he proved that wagons could be used effectively on the Oregon Trail). Financial success and silk hats, which strangled the fur trade, later forced him to a less adventurous life in St. Louis as a gentleman farmer, businessman, and politician. Not only did Sublette help develop the rendezvous system in the fur trade and blaze the first wagon trail through South pass, but also he established what was later Fort Laramie, was a participant in laying the foundation for present Kansas City, and left a large fortune to excite envy and exaggeration, One of the most successful fur merchants of the West, he also helped to break John Jacob Astor's monopoly of the trade.

Mountain Men and Fur Traders of the Far West
LeRoy Reuben Hafen 1982-01-01 The legendary mountain men—the fur traders and trappers who penetrated the Rocky Mountains and explored the Far West in the first half on the nineteenth century—formed the vanguard of the American empire and became the heroes of American adventure. This volume brings to the general reader brief biographies of eighteen representative mountain men, selected from among the essay assembled by LeRoy R. Hafen in The Mountain Men and the Fur Trade of the Far West (ten volumes, 1965-72). The subjects and authors are: Manuel Lisa (Richard E. Oglesby); Pierre Chouteau Jr. (Janet Lecompte); Wilson Price Hunt (William Brandon); William H. Ashley (Harvey L. Carter); Jedediah Smith (Harvey L. Carter); John McLoughlin (Kenneth L. Holmes); Peter Skene Ogden (Ted J. Warner); Ceran St. Vrain (Harold H. Dunham); Kit Carson (Harvey L. Carter); Old Bill Williams (Frederic E. Voelker); William Sublette (John E. Sunder); Thomas Fitzpatrick (LeRoy R. and Ann W. Hafen); James Bridger (Cornelius M. Ismert); Benjamin L. E. Bonneville (Edgeley W. Todd); Joseph R. Walker (Ardis M. Walker); Nathaniel Wyeth (William R. Sampson); Andrew Drips (Harvey L. Carter); and Joseph L. Meek (Harvey E. Tobie).

The Explorations of William H. Ashley and Jedediah Smith, 1822-1829
Harrison Clifford Dale 1991 William H. Ashley's expedition up the Missouri River in 1822 met with misfortunes that forced far-reaching changes in the fur-trading operations of the West. His claim to fame as an entrepreneur and explorer is clear in The Explorations of William H. Ashley and Jedediah Smith. Just as vivid is the story of the Bible-quoting Jedediah Smith, a member of Ashley's original expedition, who branched off into little-known regions, becoming the first American to reach California by an overland route. In his introduction, James P. Ronda supplies the historical context for their explorations. A professor of history at the University of Tulsa, he is the author of Lewis and Clark among the Indians (1984) and Astoria and Empire (1990).
By the golden age of the mountain man in the mid-19th-century, there were perhaps only 3,000 living in the West. Their origins were disparate, although they included many Anglo-Americans. A good number hailed from wilderness regions of Kentucky and Virginia and throughout the newly purchased Louisiana Territory, which occupied the entire central section of the continent. French Canadians traveled from the north to work in the fur trade, while Creole-Europeans represented approximately 15% of the men known to be living the isolated mountain life. Others were of Metis, Spanish, American, Black, Indian, and mixed-blood origin, most often Iroquois or Delaware. Most came to the West in their late adolescent years, the oldest learning the trade in their 30s. Many roamed the west for as long as their constitutions would hold up under constant attacks on their health and personal safety. Some stayed too long and failed to survive the experience. Among the most famous, Jim Bridger arrived at the age of 16, while Edward Robinson was eventually killed in his 60s by what were known as "bad snakes," a reference to the Snake tribe in Idaho country. Jim Beckwourth left the mountains at 68 and Old Bill Williams died at the age of 62 when a band of Utes "made him to come." Regardless of their motivations for entering the western forests, fur trapping was a
central component of the lifestyle in order to satisfy the east coast and European fashion industries. The quest for fur of several varieties, particularly beaver, peaked in the 1840s, but many of the trappers continued for decades longer. Those laboring in the lower positions of the trade lasted an average of only 2.7 years in duration, while mid-level positions, such as traders and clerks, averaged 6.3. Directors and factory owners generally continued for approximately 15 years. Eventually, fashion moved on to other resources, but for the better part of a century, the frontiersman was the only worker able to survive the rigors of wilderness life while maintaining prosperity. Historians believe that even Jim Bridger's prodigious travels were eclipsed by that of New York-born Jedediah Strong Smith, whose uncharacteristic personal life set him apart from the rough-edged mountain man reputation. Smith, who developed into a master cartographer through a regimen of self-study, left a legacy of surprisingly accurate maps of the western continent for military and immigrant groups, so accurate as to remain in use far beyond his death. Early experiences as a clerk for a Lake Erie freighter company aroused a sense for business that would serve him well in the west. A capable hunter and trapper, his urge to explore and develop the western third of the continent led him to virtually every area from the Rockies to the length of the Pacific coast.

Outdoing even Bridger, Smith roamed the central Rockies, traveled the southwest through Arizona, roamed much of the Oregon Country, and led two expeditions across the Mojave Desert to California, the first American to reach the vast region traveling overland. That he was the first white man to preach the Christian gospel beyond the "shining mountains" is well-corroborated. In time, what contemporary accounts described as a "devout, peace-loving, Christian teetotaler who rarely imbibed alcohol, never smoked tobacco, never cursed" became known as one of "The Twelve Apostles of California," known then as Alta (North) Mexico. Many hailed Smith as a missionary, but his passion for Scripture was mostly relegated to small gatherings when the immediate work was complete. But despite his lack of formal education, almost any map of the western continent made in the following century was based on or influenced by Smith's models. The Fist in the Wilderness David Sievert Lavender 1998-05-01 An oft-told story from different perspectives, the history of the American fur trade is here placed within the overall rivalry for empire between Britain and the United States. David Lavender focuses on men such as John Jacob Astor and Ramsay Crooks who learned to exploit the needs and wants of Indian tribes to gain a superior economic position over the British and made fur trading an integral economic activity in early U.S. history. Maps.
Jedediah Smith Sharlene P. Nelson 2004
Discusses the life and work of Jedediah Smith, an explorer of the American West and leader of mountain men.

Grizzly Killer Lane R Warenksi 2016-03-30 When Zach Connors and his pa left their Kentucky homestead in the summer of 1824 to see the Rocky Mountains, he didn’t realize he would never see his childhood home again or that he would find love, friendship, fame, and a new home in this wild and harsh wilderness. After a grizzly kills his pa, Zach struggles to survive a cold and brutal winter alone. After killing a rouge grizzly and fighting hostile Indians on his own, he becomes known as Grizzly Killer and is respected throughout the West. Along with his dog, Jimbo, whom the Indians call the Great Medicine Dog, he finds Running Wolf, an injured Ute warrior, and together they fight off a hostile war party. They rescue two Shoshone sisters from the brutality of a French trapper and take them as wives. After Zach saves Running Wolf’s beautiful sister, Shining Star, he is expected to take her as a second wife, but his Christian beliefs conflict with the Indian traditions, and he struggles within himself to accept the Indian ways. Set in the rugged Uinta Mountains of Northern Utah, this is a story of survival against nature and hostile Indians and the clash of cultures between the Indians and mountain men that were the first to brave this uncharted wilderness, seeking their fortune from the pelts of the beaver.

Give Your Heart to the Hawks Win Blevins 2005-11-29 Stunningly portrayed by Leonardo DiCaprio in the Golden Globe Award-winning and twelve-time Academy Award nominated film The Revenant, mountain man Hugh Glass’s harrowing journey 300 miles to civilization after being mauled by a grizzly bear and left for dead is just one of the incredible adventures Spur Award Winning author Win Blevins explores in the New York Times bestseller, Give Your Heart to the Hawks. In addition to the captivating story of Hugh Glass, Win Blevins presents a poetic tribute to these dauntless "first Westerners" who explored the Great American West from the time of Lewis and Clark into the 1840s. As trappers in a hostile, trackless land, their exploits opened the gates of the mountains for the wagon trains of pioneers who followed them. Here, among many, are the enthralling stories of: * John Colter, who, in 1808, naked and without weapons or food, escaped captivity by the Blackfeet and ran and walked 250 miles to Fort Lisa at the mouth of the Yellowstone River; * Kit Carson, who ran away from home at age 17, became a legendary mountain man in his 20s and served as scout and guide for John C. Fremont's westward explorations of the 1840s; * Jedediah Smith, a tall, gaunt, Bible-reading New Yorker whose trapping expeditions ranged from the Rockies to California and who was killed by Comanches on
the Cimarron in 1831. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Jedediah Smith in the West
Francis A. Wiley
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