

THE 100 BEST BOOKS ON COLORADO

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Abbott, Carl, Stephen J. Leonard, and David McComb

Colorado: A History of the Centennial State

Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1976, 1982, 1994. x + 454 pages. Index, bibliographic essay, endnotes, photos, drawings, maps, biographies, statistics. 6 x 9-1/4 inches. Hardcover and paperback.

This well-written survey offers stimulating interpretations and emphases on the state's twentieth-century urbanization, multiculturalism, and boosterism.

Afton, Jean, David Fridtjof Halaas, and Andrew E. Masich, with Richard N. Ellis

*Cheyenne Dog Soldiers:
A Ledgerbook History of Coups and Combat*

Niwot: University Press of Colorado and Colorado Historical Society, 1997. xxxii + 400 pages. Index, endnotes, bibliography, b&w photos, 124 four-color photos, drawings, maps, charts and tables, glossary, appendixes. 11 x 8-1/2 inches. Hardcover, \$49.95. Rev. ed., 2000. Paperback, \$34.95.

Cheyenne warriors painted their military exploits in this captured ledgerbook, providing a rare and compelling look at Colorado history from the Indian perspective.

Arps, Louisa Ward

Denver in Slices

Denver: Sage Books, 1959. Reprinted 1998 by Ohio University Press, Athens, Ohio. Introduction by T. J. Noel. xii + 263 pages. Index, endnotes, photos, maps. \$4.50. 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover and paperback.

Delicious slices of Denver's past including the Mint, drinking water, City Ditch, Cherry Creek, the South Platte, Tabor ghosts, the Windsor Hotel, the Baron of Montclair, Overland Park, Buffalo Bill, Elitch Gardens, and Eugene Field. A delightfully written and diligently researched appetizer.

Athearn, Robert G.

Rebel of the Rockies: A History of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad

New Haven: Yale University Press, 1962. xiv + 395 pages. Index, bibliography, notes, maps, photos, drawings. 7 x 10-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Athearn, Robert G.

The Coloradans

Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1976. viii + 430. Index, endnotes, bibliographic essay, b&w photos, drawings, maps. 6 x 9-1/8 inches. Hardcover.

Babb, Sanora

An Owl on Every Post: A Personal Recollection of Life on the Plains

New York: The McCall Publishing Co., 1970. Reprinted 1994 by the University of New Mexico Press. 217 pages. 6 x 8-3/4 inches. Hardcover; paperback reprint.

A lively account of the author's girlhood in early 1900s in a sod house, homesteading the "grey desert" of eastern Colorado.

Baca, Vincent Z. C. de, ed.

La Gente: Hispano History and Life in Colorado

Denver: Colorado Historical Society, 1999. xix + 294 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos. \$21.95. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

Thirteen authors chronicle Hispanic women, art, labor, rug-making, militants, cultural landscapes, and other topics.

Backus, Harriet Fish

Tomboy Bride

Boulder, Colo.: Pruett Publishing Co., 1969. 273 pages. Photos. \$6.50. 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover.

The wife of a mining engineer chronicles their cold, lonely, isolated life with warm memories and rich descriptions of Colorado's Silvery San Juans.

Baker, James H, ed.; LeRoy R Hafen, assoc. ed.

History of Colorado

Denver: State Historical and Natural History Society of Colorado and Linderman Co., 1927. 5 vols. Index, footnotes, photos, maps. Vols I, II, and III are a topical history; Vols. IV and V are biographical sketches. 6-1/2 x 9-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

Topically arranged, this magnum opus features fine overview essays on major topics by leading authorities. Hafen, the first and most productive official state historian, complains about the dictatorial and dying Baker in Hafen & Hafen, The Joyous Journey, which was not so joyous at this point.

Bauer, William H., James L. Ozment, and John H. Willard

Colorado Post Offices, 1859–1989: A Comprehensive Listing of Post Offices, Stations, and Branches

Golden: Colorado Railroad Museum, 1971; second revised edition, 1990. vi + 280 pages. Bibliography, 40 b&w photos. \$39.95. 9 x 11-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Valuable reference guide listing each post office (and its name changes) with its county, dates of establishment and abandonment, and very brief remarks. Not a history but a useful place-name aid and indication of a town's birth and death dates.

Benson, Maxine

1001 Colorado Place Names

Drawings by Robin Richards. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1994. xvii + 237 pages. Index, drawings. 5 x 8-1/2 inches. \$25.00 hardcover; \$11.95 paperback.

Colorado's former state historian has compiled the state's best place-name guide.

Berthrong, Donald J.

The Southern Cheyennes

Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1963. Latest edition, 1995. xiv + 442. Index, bibliography, notes, photos, maps. 5-1/2 x 8-1/4 inches. \$19.95. Paperback.

Bird, Isabella Lucy

A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains

New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1879–80. New edition published by University of Oklahoma Press, 1960, with introduction by Daniel Boorstin. (Western Frontier Library, 14). Latest edition, 1998. xxiv + 256 pages. b&w illustrations, map. 4-7/8 x 7-1/2 inches. \$9.95. Paperback.

This tiny, eccentric English world traveler left a memorable picture of Colorado in 1873 but not a flattering one. "The great braggart city spread out brown and treeless upon a brown and treeless plain," she describes Denver, and the South Platte she found "shriveled into a narrow stream with a shingly bed six times too large for it, and fringed by shriveled cottonwoods."

Bolton, Herbert E.

Pageant in the Wilderness: The Story of the Escalante Expedition to the Interior Basin, 1776, including the Diary and Itinerary of Father Escalante Translated and Annotated

Salt Lake City: Utah Historical Society, 1951. 265 pages. Index, bibliography, footnotes, photos, maps. 8-1/2 x 6 inches. Paperback.

Padre Escalante, a Franciscan missionary, produced this first written report on Colorado.

Borland, Harold Glen ("Hal")

Country Editor's Boy

Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1970. 313 pages. \$5.95. 6 x 8-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

Brettell, Richard B.

Historic Denver: The Architects and the Architecture, 1858–1893

Denver: Historic Denver, Inc., 1973. xii + 240 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, drawings. 9-1/2 x 12-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

A gorgeously illustrated, smartly written tribute to the brick and brownstone city now bowing to glass, steel, concrete, and asphalt. The fine, brief overview of nineteenth-century Denver is followed by a critical look at its leading architects, Frank E. Edbrooke, William Lang, and Robert S. Roeschlaub.

Cassells, E. Steve

The Archaeology of Colorado

Boulder, Colo.: Johnson Books, 1983. vi + 325 pages. Index, bibliography, photos.

The best overview and introduction to prehistoric Indians.

Caughey, Bruce, and Dean Winstanley

The Colorado Guide

Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum, Inc., 1989. Rev. ed., 1997. xxvi + 575 pages. Index, photos. \$19.95. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

The best guide since the WPA guide of the 1930s provides not only eating, drinking, sleeping, and playing tips but also historical and stylistic perspectives.

Coel, Margaret Speas

Goin' Railroadin': A Century on the Colorado High Iron, as told by Sam Speas to Margaret Coel

Niwot, Colo.: Pruett Publishing Co., 1985. Paperback reprint 1998 by University Press of Colorado. xiii + 180 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, maps. 10-1/2 x 9-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Superb railroadians based on interviews with her father by one of Colorado's rising literary lights.

Coel, Margaret Speas

Chief Left Hand: Southern Arapaho

Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1981. Civilization of the American Indian Series, 159. Latest edition, 1993. xiv + 338 pages. Index, bibliography, notes, photos, maps. 6 x 9 inches. \$14.95. Paperback.

A fascinating, sad look at the Arapaho chief who welcomed palefaces and paid the price at Sand Creek.

Colorado Writers' Program

Colorado: A Guide to the Highest State

Compiled by Colorado workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration. New York: Hastings House and Colorado State Planning Commission, 1941. Paperback reprints 1973 and 1987 by University Press of Kansas, with new introduction by Thomas J. Noel. xxxiii + 511 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, maps, chronology. (American Guide Series.) 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover.

Dallas, Sandra

No More Than Five in a Bed: Colorado Hotels in the Old Days

Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1967. xiv + 208 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, drawings. 6-1/4 x 9-1/4 inches. Hardcover.

Well-illustrated descriptions of thirty-seven early Colorado hotels, resorts, spas, and watering spots, many of which are still around.

Danilov, Victor J.

Colorado Museums and Historic Sites: A Colorado Guide Book

Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 2000. x + 445 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, appendixes. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

Dodds, Joanne West

They All Came to Pueblo: A Social History

Virginia Beach, Va.: The Donning Company, 1994. 216 pages. Index, bibliography. 300 b&w photos, drawings. \$34.95. 9 x 11-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Dunning, John

Denver

New York: Times Books, 1980. 407 pages. 6-1/4 x 9-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

A lusty historical novel that vividly portrays Denver journalism, politics, and the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s.

Dyer, John Lewis

The Snow-Shoe Itinerant: An Autobiography of the Reverend John L. Dyer, Familiarly Known as "Father Dyer" of the Colorado Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church

Drawings by Helen H. Chain. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe, 1890. Various reprints, including Father Dyer Methodist Church, Breckenridge. 362 pages. 4 leaves of plates. 1975 edition includes publisher's preface and two new illustrations. 5-1/4 x 7-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

Autobiography of the last and best known of the circuit riders of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eberhart, Perry

Ghosts of the Colorado Plains

Athens, Ohio: Swallow Press; University of Ohio Press, 1986. 3rd rev. ed. xiii + 253 pages. Index, sources, photos, maps by Sandy Eberhart. 11-1/4 x 9-1/4 inches. Paperback.

One of the few—and the best—books to portray the hundreds of High Plains communities that have expired with far less fanfare than mountain ghost towns.

Ellis, Anne

The Life of an Ordinary Woman

Introduction by Lucy Fitch Perkins. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1929. Reprinted 1981 by the University of Nebraska Press, with introduction by Elliott West. xiii + 301 pages. Photos. 8-1/2 x 5-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

A lively, candid account of everyday lower-class life in mining towns by an extraordinary woman.

Fay, Abbott

A History of Skiing in Colorado

Updated and expanded reprint of *Ski Tracks in the Rockies: A Century of Colorado Skiing* (Louisville, Colo.: Cordillera Press, 1984). 197 pages. Bibliography, index, illustrations, photos. 5-1/2 x 9-1/2 inches. \$14.95. Paperback.

Fell, James E., Jr.

Ores to Metals: The Rocky Mountain Smelting Industry

Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1979. xiii + 341 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, figures, maps. 6 x 9 inches. \$21.50. Hardcover.

An important, readable book on the neglected, unromantic, but crucial subject of ore processing, which made paydirt pay off.

Ferril, Thomas Hornsby

Thomas Hornsby Ferril and the American West

Ed. Robert C. Baron, Stephen J. Leonard, and Thomas J. Noel. Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum Publishing Co., 1996. x + 166 pages. Bibliography of all Ferril's poetry and prose. 6 x 9 inches. \$17.94 paperback; \$50.00 hardcover.

Colorado's greatest poet, in nationally acclaimed work, often focused on change in Denver and Colorado. This anthology pulls together his best poetry and prose with commentary from admirers.

Fielder, John

Colorado, 1870–2000: Historical Landscape Photography by William Henry Jackson, Contemporary Photography by John Fielder

Text by Ed Marston; foreword by Eric Paddock; afterword by Roderick Frazier Nash. Englewood, Colo.: Westcliffe Publishers, Inc., 1999. 224 pages. Black and white and color photos. 12-1/2 x 16-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

The best-selling Colorado photo book compares Jackson's nineteenth-century Colorado with Fielder's year 2000 shots of the same scenes after a century of "progress."

Fowler, Gene

Timber Line: A Story of Bonfils and Tammen

New York: Covici, Friede, 1933 (many reprints). 480 pages. 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover.

A gossipy, not always true, account of the adolescence of The Denver Post, written with as much zest and a shade more accuracy than the former con-man Bonfils and former bartender Tammen ever mustered for their outrageously sensational (and profitable) newspaper. One of the funniest and best-selling books ever written about Denver.

French, Emily

Emily: The Diary of a Hard-Worked Woman

Ed. Janet Leconte. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1987. viii + 199 pages. Index, endnotes, epilogue. 6-1/4 x 9-1/4 inches. Hardcover and paperback.

A painfully detailed and insightful look at a year in the life of a washerwoman who bore the stigma of a divorce.

Gehres, Eleanor Mount; Sandra Dallas; Maxine Benson; and Stanley Cuba

The Colorado Book

Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum Publishing, 1993. xvii + 414 pages. Index, bibliography, illus., maps. 6-3/4 x 8-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

The best anthology of the best that has been written about Colorado with brief excerpts from the writings of some 150 explorers, historians, journalists, novelists, poets, and scientists.

Goldberg, Robert Alan

Hooded Empire: The Ku Klux Klan in Colorado

Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1981. xv + 255 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, maps, tables, figures, glossary of Klan titles and terms. \$14.95. 6-1/4 x 9-1/4 inches. Hardcover.

The best study of the 1920s KKK nightmare comes to some surprising conclusions.

Griswold, Don L., and Jean Harvey Griswold

History of Leadville and Lake County, Colorado

Denver: Colorado Historical Society in cooperation with the University Press of Colorado, 1996. Introduction by James E. Fell, Jr. 2 volumes. xx + 2,374 pages. Index, chapter sources, maps, drawings, b&w photos. \$150.00. 8-1/4 x 10-7/8 inches. Hardcover.

Gulliford, Andrew

Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale, 1885–1985

Foreword by Richard D. Lamm. Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1989. xvi + 302 pages. Notes, bibliography, index, photos, maps, other illustrations. 6-1/3 x 9-1/3 inches. \$24.95. Hardcover.

Hafen, LeRoy R.

Colorado and Its People: A Narrative and Topical History of the Centennial State

New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., Inc., 1948. 2 volumes. Index, footnotes, b&w photos, tables, appendix. xvi + 644 (vol. 1); iv + 784 (vol. 2). 7-1/2 x 10-1/2. Hardcover.

With topical essays by noted authorities, this is still the most detailed and documented state history.

Halaas, David Fridtjof

Fairmount and Historic Colorado

Introduction by Robert G. Athearn. Denver: Fairmount Cemetery Association, 1976. 104 pages. Bibliography, photos, appendixes of selected pioneers and public officials buried at Fairmount or Riverside. 9 x 11-1/2 inches. Hardcover and paperback.

Halaas, the Colorado Historical Society's former chief historian, has made this potentially morbid tale an engrossing history not only of Fairmount but of other early Denver boneyards.

Hall, Frank

History of the State of Colorado...from 1858 to 1890

Chicago: The Blakely Printing Co., 1889–1895. 4 volumes. Volume 1: 564 pages. Volume 2: 574 pages. Volume 3: 518 pages. Volume 4: 610 pages. Biographies in Volume 4. Numerous portraits, photographs, and other illustrations. 7-1/2 x 10-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Haruf, Kent

Plainsong

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1999. 301 pages. \$24.00. Novel. 6-1/2 x 9-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

Perhaps the best-selling and best novel of life on the Colorado high plains.

Haywood, William Dudley

Bill Haywood's Book: The Autobiography of William D. Haywood

New York: International Publishers, 1929, 1969. 368 pages. Appendixes, photos. 9 x 6 inches. Hardcover and paperback.

Uproarious autobiography of the one-eyed, heavy-drinking socialist union organizer who used to terrorize the Oxford Hotel bar and the Mining Exchange Building before he was deported to the Soviet Union in 1919. Big Bill was the star promoter of the Western Federation of Miners and the Industrial Workers of the World (the IWW or Wobblies).

Hoig, Stan

The Sand Creek Massacre

Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1961. Latest edition, 1998. xiv + 217 pages. Index, bibliography, notes, photos, maps, appendixes. 4-7/8 x 7-1/2 inches. \$15.95. Paperback.

The best book so far of two dozen works on this controversial tragedy.

Hosokawa, William

Thunder in the Rockies: The Incredible Denver Post

New York: William Morrow & Co., 1976. 447 pages. Index, sources, photos. \$12.95. 7 x 9-3/4 inches. Hardcover.

A candid, insider's story of the paper that has done so much to shape twentieth-century Denver. A sequel and reliable antidote to Gene Fowler's Timber Line.

Hughes, Johnson Donald

American Indians in Colorado

Boulder, Colo.: Pruett Publishing Co., 1977. viii + 143 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, maps. Colorado Ethnic History Series No. 1. 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 inches. Paperback.

The best Colorado survey on Indians.

Hyde, George E.

Life of George Bent: Written from His letters

Ed. Savoie Lottinville. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1968. Latest edition, 1995. xxvi + 390 pages. Index, works cited, notes, photos, drawings, maps. 6 x 9 inches. \$21.95. Paperback.

Indian history by the son of William Bent and Owl Woman, who chose to live—and fight—with his mother's folk, the Southern Cheyenne.

Iversen, Kristen

Molly Brown: Unraveling the Myth

Boulder: Johnson Books, 1999. xxv + 294 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos. \$18.00. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

Jameson, Elizabeth

All that Glitters: Class, Conflict, and Community in Cripple Creek

Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1998. xii + 367 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, maps, charts. \$23.95. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

A good example of the new western history written from the bottom up.

Kelsey, Henry, Jr.

Frontier Capitalist: The Life of John Evans

Boulder, Colo.: Pruett Publishing Co. and Colorado Historical Society, 1969. xiv + 372 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, drawings. 6-1/2 x 9-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

The definitive portrait of the key man in nineteenth-century Colorado.

Lamm, Richard D., and George Michael McCarthy

The Angry West: A Vulnerable Land and Its Future

Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1982. 344 pages. Index, selected references, maps. \$13.95. 9-1/4 x 6-1/4 inches. Hardcover.

Langdon, Emma Florence

The Cripple Creek Strike: A History of Industrial Wars in Colorado, 1903–4–5: Being a Complete and Concise History of the Efforts of Organized Capital to Crush Unionism

Denver: Great Western Publishing Co., 1903–4–5. 596 pages. Photos, cartoons, drawings, appendixes. 6 x 8 inches. Hardcover.

Firsthand account from the daring young journalist who dared defy the state militia and stick up for striking miners.

Lavender, David Sievert

Bent's Fort

Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1954, 1961. Reprinted 1968 by P. Smith, Gloucester, Mass. 450 pages. Index, endnotes, endpaper maps. \$5.50. 8-1/2 x 6 inches. Hardcover.

Lecompte, Janet

*Pueblo, Hardscrabble, Greenhorn:
The Upper Arkansas, 1832–1856*

Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1978. Latest edition, 1999, subtitled *Society on the High Plains, 1832–1856*. Foreword by Ann H. Zwinger. xii + 354 pages. Index, sources, notes, appendixes, photos, maps. 6 x 9 inches. \$24.95. Paperback.

Leonard, Stephen J., and Thomas J. Noel

Denver: From Mining Camp to Metropolis

Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1990; paperback edition, 1994. xiv + 544 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, drawings, maps, appendixes.

The most comprehensive Denver history with separate chapters on the suburban counties, automobilization, and aviation. Over two thirds of the book is devoted to the twentieth-century metropolis.

Leonard, Stephen John

*Trials and Triumphs: A Colorado Portrait of the Great
Depression, with FSA Photographs*

Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1993. xi + 313 pages. Index, bibliography, photos by Russell Lee, Beaumont Newhall, Marion Post, Harry Rhoades, Arthur Rothstein, John Vachon, and others. 8-3/4 x 11-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

With telling anecdotes and fine wit, Leonard recaptures the defining decade in twentieth-century Colorado.

Lindsey, Benjamin Barr, and Harvey J. O'Higgins

The Beast

New York: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1910. 1970 edition by University of Washington Press. xxvi + 340 pages. Photos. 8 x 5-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Chilling exposé by the celebrated juvenile court judge and muckraking reformer who blackens Denver's power elite—Evans, Moffat, Hughes, Cheesman, and (sparing not even the clergy) Buchtel. The trail of the Beast in Denver led, according to the Judge, "step by step, from the dives to the police board, from the police board to the lower courts, from the courts to the political leaders to the corporation magnates who ruled all. The trail leads from the offices of the corporations to the doors of the Capitol, it ascends the steps of the State House; it enters the sacred precinct of the Supreme Court itself." A fast cure for any nostalgic soul hungry for the good old days when politicians were supposedly honest and democracy supposedly pure.

Mangan, Terry William

Colorado on Glass: Colorado's First Half Century as Seen by the Camera

With a directory of early Colorado photographers by Opal Murray Harber. Denver: Sundance Ltd., 1975. x + 406 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, drawings. 9 x 11 inches. Hardcover.

A crackerjack collection of photographs with biographical sketches of the men and women who took them.

McGovern, George S., and Leonard F. Guttridge

The Great Coalfield War

Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1972. Paperback reprint 1996 by University Press of Colorado. xii + 383 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, maps, endpaper maps. \$8.95. 6-1/2 x 9-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

The 1914 Ludlow Massacre in southern Colorado was the deadliest confrontation in the history of the American labor movement. Based on Senator McGovern's Ph.D. dissertation at Northwestern University, this is the best overview of a still-controversial, much-written-about conflict.

McManus, Carol Crawford

Ida: Her Labor of Love

Ouray, Colo.: Western Reflections, 1998. 283 pages. Photos. 6 x 8-1/4 inches. Paperback.

One of the best accounts from a pioneer woman of early-day life on the western slope. Ida spent her life consoling the sick, tending the poor, comforting the dying, and trying to get her rambunctious husband to settle down.

Michener, James A.

Centennial

New York: Random House, 1974 (many editions). x + 909 pages. Maps. 6 x 8-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

This historical novel provides a fine overview of Colorado prehistory and history. A broad survey of Colorado from prehistoric times to 1976, it is the all-time best-selling book on Colorado—a fairly comprehensive, well-researched history of the South Platte Valley of northeastern Colorado in the guise of a novel. Michener includes chapters on the prehistoric period, Indians, trappers, miners, cowboys, hunters, sheepmen, sugarbeets, and Hispanos.

Mills, Enos A.

The Rocky Mountain National Park

Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Page & Co., 1924. Memorial edition. xxvi + 239 pages. Photos. 5-1/2 x 8-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

This is just one of two dozen books by Enos Mills (1870–1922), the pioneer—and still the most important—conservationist of Colorado. He settled near Longs Peak as a boy, climbed it hundreds of times, rode avalanches, fathered Rocky Mountain National Park, and instigated and led the crusade to preserve the Colorado wilderness. Mills spent weeks at a time—even in winter—roaming the Colorado high country alone, then recording his experiences in his numerous articles and books. For an objective biography of this difficult and controversial hero, see Alexander Drummond, Enos Mills: Citizen of Nature (Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 1995. 431 pages. index, endnotes, illus.).

Monahan, Doris

Destination, Denver City: The South Platte Trail

Athens, Ohio: Swallow Press/Ohio University Press, 1985. x + 293 pages. Index, bibliography, notes, photos, maps. 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover.

Monnett, John H., and Michael McCarthy

Colorado Profiles: Men and Women Who Shaped the Centennial State

Evergreen, Colo.: Cordillera Press, 1987. 321 pages. Bibliography, index, portraits. 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover. 1996 reprint by the University Press of Colorado. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

Moody, Ralph

Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers

New York: W. W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1950. 260 pages. Drawings by Edward Shenton. 9 x 6 inches. Hardcover.

A classic account of growing up on a Colorado ranch.

Noel, Thomas J., Paul F. Mahoney, and Richard E. Stevens

Historical Atlas of Colorado

Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1994. Latest edition, 2000. xxviii + 134 pages. Index, bibliography, maps. 9 x 12 inches. \$21.95. Paperback.

Surveys in maps and one-page chapters show major developments in Colorado, from Indian battlegrounds to historic hospitable landmarks, from transportation systems to literary landmarks.

Noel, Thomas Jacob

Buildings of Colorado

New York: Oxford University Press, 1997. xvii + 669 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, drawings, maps. Society of Architectural Historians Buildings of the United States Series. 5 x 9 inches. Hardcover.

The first detailed survey of the notable prehistoric, historic, and contemporary structures in each of Colorado's sixty-three counties.

Noel, Thomas Jacob

The City and the Saloon: Denver, 1858–1916

Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1982. xvi + 148 pages. Index, bibliography, notes, tables, photos, maps. 6 x 9 inches. Hardcover.

Norgren, Barbara S., and Thomas J. Noel

Denver: The City Beautiful and Its Architects,

Denver: Historic Denver, Inc., 1987. Paperback reprint, 1993. vii + 248 pages. Index, bibliography, photos, drawings, maps, glossary of architectural terms, biographical sketches of architects. 12-1/2 x 9-3/4 inches. Hardcover and paperback.

Includes discussion of styles common in Colorado, building types, and biographical sketches of leading Colorado architects.

Nossaman, Allen

Many More Mountains: An Illustrated History of the Earliest Exploration in the High San Juans of Southwestern Colorado and the Settlement and Founding of Silverton, Colorado

Denver: Sundance Publications, 1989–1993. 3 volumes. Each volume 352 pages. Bibliographies, indexes, notes, photos (some color), maps, other illustrations. Hardcover.

Osterwald, Doris B.

Cinders and Smoke: A Mile by Mile Guide for the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Trip

Lakewood, Colo.: Western Guideways, 1965. Many subsequent editions. 102 pages. Photos, maps, drawings. 6 x 9 inches. Paperback.

This bestseller is a model guide, complete with history, archaeology, geology, and botany as well as railroadiana galore.

Papanikolas, Zeese

Buried Unsung: Louis Tikas and the Ludlow Massacre

Foreword by Wallace Stegner. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1982. xix + 331 pages. Index, bibliography, endnotes, photos, maps. 6-1/2 x 9-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

A beautifully written attempt to reconstruct the life of the Greek labor organizer murdered by Colorado authorities at Ludlow.

Parkhill, Forbes

The Wildest of the West: A Bold and Lusty Gallery of Colorado's Most Famous Characters in the Nineties

New York: Henry Holt & Company, 1951. 1957 and 1959 editions by Sage Books, Denver. x + 310 pages. Index, endnotes, bibliography, photos. 5-1/2 x 8-1/4 inches. Hardcover.

Perkin, Robert L.

The First Hundred Years: An Informal History of Denver and the Rocky Mountain News, 1859–1959

Foreword by Gene Fowler. New York: Doubleday, 1959. 624 pages. Index, bibliography, footnotes, photos. \$5.95. 6-1/2 x 9-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

This witty, highly readable account of the Rocky Mountain News and Denver is a splendid complement to the less reliable Timber Line by Gene Fowler, who wrote the introduction for this treasure chest of knowledge and trivia.

Propst, Nell Brown

The South Platte Trail: Story of Colorado's Forgotten People

Boulder, Colo.: Pruett Publishing Co., 1989. Formerly published as *Forgotten People: A History of the South Platte Trail* (1979). Foreword by James Terrell King. ix + 244. Index, source notes, photos, maps, drawings. 8-3/8 x 10-3/4. Paperback.

Pyle, Robert Michael

The Thunder Tree: Lessons from an Urban Wildland

New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1993. xix + 220 pages. Sources, map. \$19.95. 5-3/4 x 8-1/2 inches. Hardcover.

Eloquent reminiscences of an ecologist who found the High Line Canal a great escape from the proliferating suburbs of Aurora, Colorado's largest city in terms of square miles and third largest in terms of population.

Robertson, Janet

The Magnificent Mountain Women: Adventures in the Colorado Rockies

Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1990. xxi + 220 pages. Index, endnotes, sources, chronology, glossary, maps, photos. \$21.95. 9-1/4 x 6-1/4 inches. Hardcover.

Secret, Clark

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