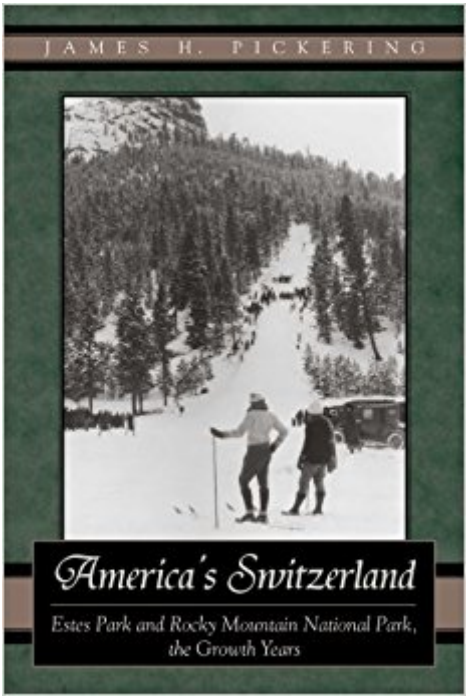
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America’s Switzerland, a companion volume to This Blue Hollow, is the first comprehensive history of Rocky Mountain National Park and its neighboring town, Estes Park, during the decades when travel became a middle-class rite of summer. Drawing on a wide variety of primary sources and extensive archival research, James H. Pickering reveals how the evolution of tourism and America’s fascination with the "western experience" shaped the park and town from 1903 to 1945. America’s Switzerland provides extensive information, much of it new to historical literature, on how Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park - the most visited national park west of the Mississippi - developed to welcome ever-growing crowds. Pickering profiles the individuals behind the development and details the challenges park and town confronted during decades that included two world wars and the Great Depression.

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the end of WW II. English professor Pickering (Univ. of Houston) is a long-time summer resident of Estes Park, and he brings to his study a familiarity with and love for the area. His primary sources include memoirs, oral histories, correspondence, park archival materials, and newspapers." —Choice

James H. Pickering, a summer resident of Estes Park, is a professor of English at the University of Houston, where he has also served as dean, provost, and president. He has written or edited seventeen books on nineteenth- and early twentieth- century Colorado history.

This is a very interesting history of Estes Park. I have one for myself and have given copies to friends. Thank you.

The companion volume to This Blue Hollow, America’s Switzerland: Estes Park And Rocky Mountain National Park, The Growth Years provides essential background for any who would understand the history of the Rocky Mountain National Park and its neighboring town Estes Park. Primary sources and achieved records contribute to provide the first comprehensive history of the region. From the individuals behind the park’s development to how the park and town coped with two world wars and the increase of tourism, America’s Switzerland offers a wealth of lively insights.

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