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The Discovery Of Yellowstone Park: Journal Of The Washburn Expedition To The Yellowstone And Firehole Rivers In The Year 1870



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Synopsis

With the ecological integrity of Yellowstone National Park in contention between developers and environmentalists, the events of its exploration and founding take on added interest. This Bison Books edition of Nathaniel P. Langford's journal brings back into print one of the principal sources of information on the exploration of the Yellowstone region and its establishment as America's first national park.The findings of the 1870 Washburn expedition, of which Langford was a member, gave credence to the findings of the Folsom party of 1869 and resulted in the sending of a government survey party into the area in 1871. The culminating effect of the three expeditions was the federal legislation creating our first and largest national park and marking the beginning of the national concern for the preservation of America's heritage of wilderness beauty.

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Customer Reviews

For ten years (1960Ã¢â ¬â œ69), Aubrey L. Haines was National Park Service historian. In addition to contributing the foreword to this book, he has edited Osborne Russell's Journal of a Trapper, also a Bison Book.

An detailed account of the first organized expedition to explore and map the country surrounding the Yellowstone. As on ebb would expect of such an undertaking, the account contains some inaccuracies, including taking credit for the development of the national park idea. None the less, the account is narrated with great enthusiasm and prose by an experienced, albeit self-absorbed author. Highly recommended for the student of Yellowstone.

This book is well written and contains many facts that are often ommited from books written in the last few years. Even if you think you know ALL about Yellowstone, there are things written in this book that will bring you up short and make you realize that, perhaps, there IS more to learn about America's first National Park. A good book to have in your library.

I very much enjoyed reading Nathaniel's journal about this expedition. They were very afraid of Crow Indians and during their time in Yellowstone kept a wary eye out. Also, the information on their search for the missing Truman Everts was informative for this reader who had read his account of surviving being lost in this wilderness.

we have been to YNP and gloried in its splendor. also read "the big burn" about the same time.we will never forget the men and our president who recognized the beauty and dangers of the wilderness and preserved it for us. God forgive us if we let it slip away to the users/takers of our society.

An interesting read if you're familiar with the park. The old-fashioned language makes it a little difficult to read. It's a part of history and is often referenced in the park; that alone makes it worthwhile.

Major General Henry Dana Washburn did so much in his young life before he tragically died (seems like all the men in that family died young) but a great story!

This is the way I like to read about historical events. Eyewitness account from someone who was involved. Almost like being there.

A time machine trip back in time to experience the explorers first views of a very unique place on earth. It is interesting to try to sort out the members personal motives and wonder about their scientific objectiveness.

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