

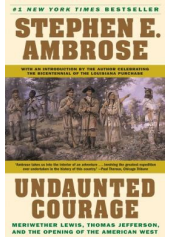
[Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869](#)

by Stephen Ambrose (385 AMB)

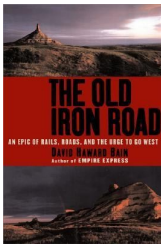
From the politicians who realized the importance of this railroad, to the investors who financed the project, to the engineers and surveyors who designed the path and the immigrants and laborers who laid the track, this is a story of tenacity, bravery and perseverance.

[Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West](#) by Stephen Ambrose (978 AMB)

Filled with adventure, politics, suspense and history, this is the definitive tale of the Lewis and Clark expedition, a trip that opened the settlement of the American West.



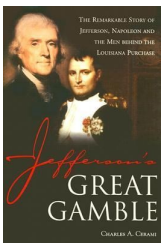
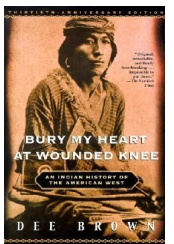
[The Old Iron Road: An Epic of Rails, Roads, and the Urge to Go West](#) by David Howard Bain (385 BAIN)



The past called to Bain through his grandmother, born in a covered wagon somewhere in Kansas in 1889. He took his family on a summer-long exploration of the West, tracing parts of the Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, and Overland Trails; the Pony Express; and the railroad. It was a trip, he told his children, about the journey and not the destination.

[Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee](#) by Dee Alexander Brown (970.5 BROWN)

How did the original Americans – the Dakota, Nez Perce, Ute, Ponca, Cheyenne, Navaho, Apache, and others – feel about the coming of the white man, the expropriation of their land, the destruction of their way of life? What really happened to Geronimo, Chief Joseph, Cochise, Red Cloud, Little Wolf and Sitting Bull as their people were killed or driven onto reservations during decades of broken promises, oppression and war?

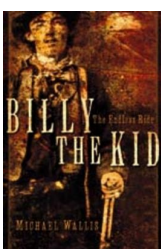
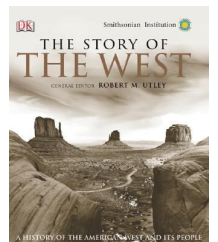


[Jefferson's Great Gamble: The Remarkable Story of Jefferson, Napoleon, and the Men Behind the Louisiana Purchase](#) by Charles Cerami (973.44 CERAMI)

Cerami illuminates the largest recorded real estate deal in history, when the U.S. doubled its size on one April day in 1803. He focuses on the nine principal American and French players in the 30 months of negotiations leading to the sale.

[The Story of the West](#) by Robert M. Utley (978 UTLEY)

This beautifully illustrated book tells the tales of the west from the Mammoth Hunters of prehistory to the technophiles of present day Silicon Valley.



[Billy the Kid: the Endless Ride](#) by Michael Wallis (364.15 WALLIS)

This is a re-creation of the life of Billy the Kid journeys behind the sensationalized legend to reveal the real world of the celebrity outlaw, a young man who became one of the most enduring icons of the American West.



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