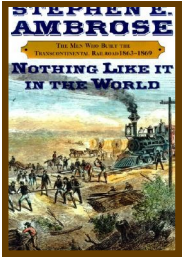


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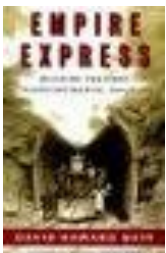
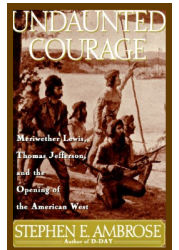


Nothing Like it in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad 1863-1869 by Stephen Ambrose (385 AMB)

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.

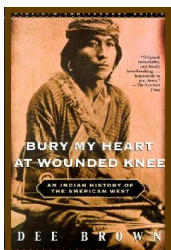
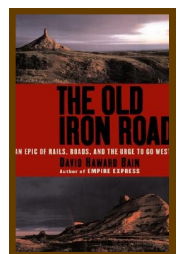


Empire Express: building the first transcontinental railroad by David Howard Bain (384 BAI)

Chronicles the three decades spanning 1842-1873, during which the United States doubled in size, fought three wars, and discovered a new national identity. This tale of the first transcontinental railroad culminates in Washington in 1873 with the exposure of a hidden railroad lobby and a popular politician's fall.

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.

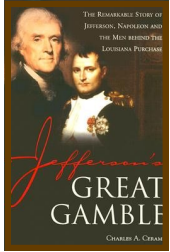


Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Alexander Brown (970.5 BROWN)

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?



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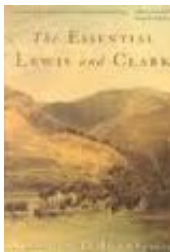
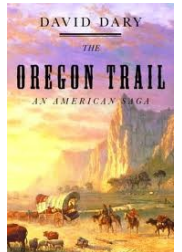


Jefferson's Great Gamble: The Remarkable Story of Jefferson, Napoleon, and the Men Behind the Louisiana Purchase by Charles Cerami (973.44 CERAMI)

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 Oregon Trail: an American saga by David Dary (978 DARY)

Portrays the European and American explorations into the Oregon Territory and the influence of the fur trade and missionaries. Dary addresses how the flow of emigrants led to conflicts among nations who coveted the territory's natural resources and tensions about slavery in the region. Read on to hear how close the region came to supporting the Confederacy.

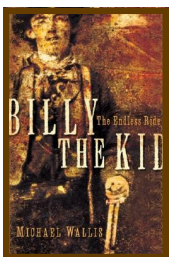
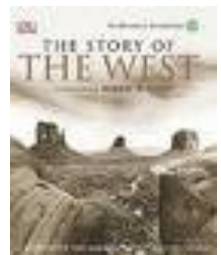


The Essential Lewis & Clark (917.804 LEWIS)

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's journals are one of the most important documents in the history of American exploration. In this edition, editor Landon Jones annotates Lewis and Clark's adventures on the Great Plains, in the Rocky Mountains, and navigating western rivers.

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

Illustrations from the Smithsonian's collection tell tales of the West from the Mammoth Hunters of prehistory to the technophiles of present day Silicon Valley. The story of the West is brought to life through photos, objects, paintings, and drawings.

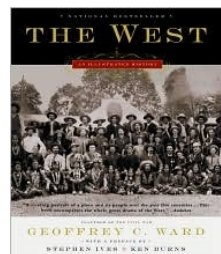


Billy the Kid: the Endless Ride by Michael Wallis (364.15 WALLIS)

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.

The West: An illustrated history by Geoffrey Ward (978 WARD)

This volume is a companion to Ken Burns' PBS television series *The West*. Filled with illustrations that depict the settling of The Wild West, this book covers the treatment and actions of the first settlers, the American Indians, explorers, trappers, soldiers, goldminers, Mormons, railroaders, cowboys, lumbermen, ranchers, and others.



The Explorer King: Adventure, Science and the Great Diamond Hoax, Clarence King of the Old West by Robert Wilson (551.092 WILSON)

A portrait of the nineteenth-century scientist and explorer documents his ascent of the Sierra Nevadas, exposure of the Great Diamond Hoax, ground-breaking land survey of the American West, and unexpected decline.

