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This paper edition of the seven core volumes of the journals, those written specifically by Lewis and Clark, embody new scholarship dealing with all aspects of the expedition including geography, flora and fauna, and Native languages.

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Janis Stout catalogues and gives a brief summary of more than 1,800 of Willa Cather’s letters, accompanied by a biographical directory identifying correspondents. The volume includes an index of the widely scattered letters organized by location, correspondent, and names and titles mentioned within.

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Dirlik presents a comprehensive study of the often-overlooked subject of the Chinese presence on the Great Plains in the nineteenth century. Through memoirs and historical documents, readers are offered a better understanding of Chinese on the frontier.

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This is the first in an eventual set of six volumes containing the diaries of John Gregory Bourke. As a cavalry lieutenant, Bourke kept extensive notes on his time in service—particularly the years as aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Crook—that reveal much about life in the military on the frontier.

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Along with examining the items of everyday use that found their way West as the country expanded, the volume looks at the myths and folktales that emerged and prevailed as icons of the West, including the significance of these images today.

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A biography of the famed rancher and vigilante, John Larn, of the Clear Fork area of Texas. DeArment attempts to piece together the life of this controversial figure, who even today sparks strong reactions among residents of the area.

This history of Texas is portrayed through fifteen individuals who influenced the culture and growth of the state. Biographical sketches range from the sixteenth-century explorer Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca to the twentieth-century's Hermine Tobolowsky, who fought for women's rights.

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Danilov offers a comprehensive guide to the historic sites and museums relating to the early American West. His book is divided into sections on specific museum types as well as by state.

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A detailed guide to more than 650 photograph collections found at the University of Oklahoma that include images of frontier life, Native American culture, Wild West shows, range cattle industry, and much more.

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A detailed guide to more than 1,500 manuscript collections found at the University of Oklahoma that include papers on pioneers, artists, anthropologists, missionary activities, the Five Tribes, and more.

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These thirteen lectures were given during the early years of the Manitoba Historical Society. One of Canada's first historical societies, the MHS provided an outlet for discussion on various aspects of the natural and human history of nineteenth-century western Canada.

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Cashman collects colorful stories of people who helped build and influence the city of Edmonton, Alberta.

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This photo journal chronicles the construction of the legislative building as well as noting its role and significance in the city and province.

A collection of essays and photographs chronicling the history of Montezuma Castle near Las Vegas, New Mexico, as well as the story of its preservation and restoration.


Cable and Maley give a guided tour of historic landmarks and stories along Interstate 70 in Kansas. Mile by mile, the reader is taken through the state and informed about landscape, history, folktales, and more.