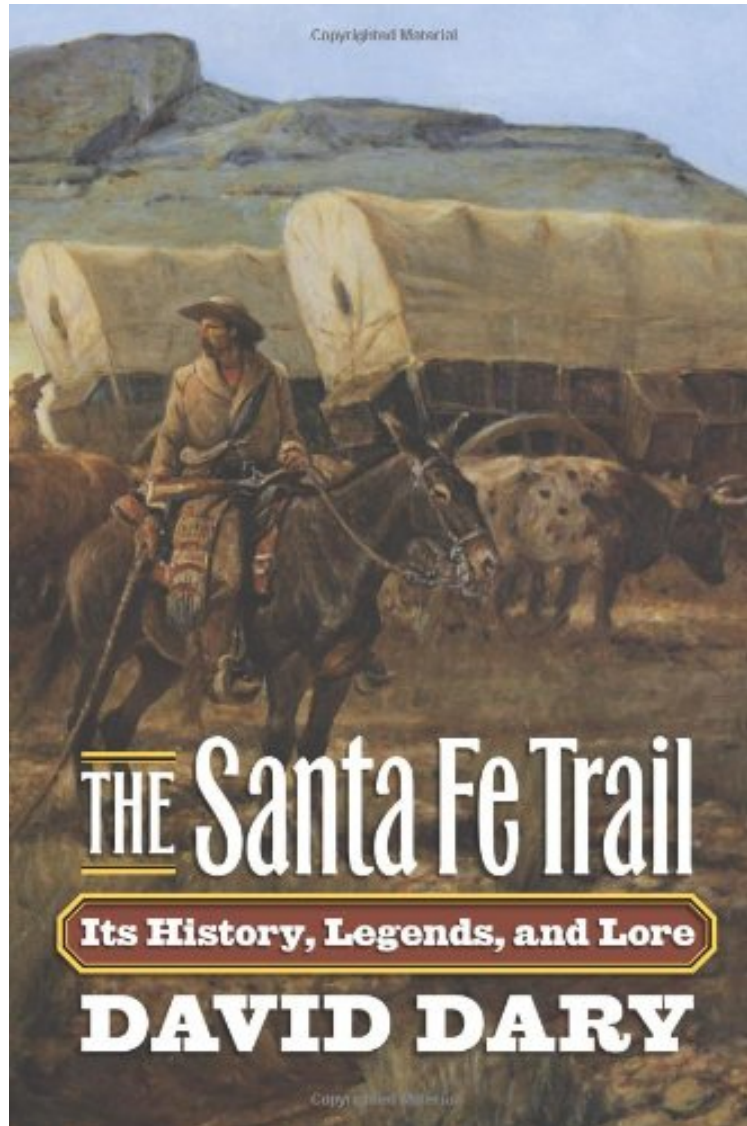


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. with lots of great information and insight regarding this fascinating and romantic Road. The Author begins with Spanish exploration in the New World, the Indian cultures encountered, Mexico's independence from Spain and the beginning of trade with America, over what became the Santa Fe Trail. The overall context of American history before, during and after the Trail's glory days provide a rich

backdrop for this enduring legacy of our providential heritage as Americans. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding accomplishment By F. Clark While there have been many excellent books published over the years, many of which were written during the Santa Fe Trail's glory years. They lacked the overall picture since they were from the era itself, depicting only a fragment of the Trail's history. A Full historical account can only be achieved after the fact. Mr. Dary's book is a masterpiece combining his vast collection of materials relating to his subject and his ability to weave them into a most interesting time table that takes the reader from the very beginning all the way to the end of the trail. Rich with colorful accounts that create a visual picture of the Trail's life and importance to a bygone era. Thanks to Mr. Dary we can relive the past through this important work. As a youngster I always wondered what it would have been like to travel the Trail and now I know. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable history By avid reader U.S. I'm enjoying this read of the Santa Fe Trail as I lived very close to where the trail was in Southeastern Colorado. Reading the history of some of my ancestors, I can fill in more info on what the writer has not written in detail about specific people. I have been along some of the trail but have not viewed any ruts which I would love to see.

A prize-winning historian of the Old West brings to life the people who laid down the Santa Fe Trail and opened commerce with Spanish America. He uses first-hand accounts and contemporary records to give us a vivid recreation of a time and place crucial to America's westward expansion.

From Publishers Weekly The famous trail of romantic western lore was established in about 1610 by Spanish settlers of Mexico who had explored western and southern regions of North America long before the French and English arrived. Stretching 900 miles from its origin in Santa Fe through present-day Colorado and Kansas, the trail, originally a combination of many old paths worn down by buffalo, ends in Franklin, Mo. Enterprising Americans from the east soon discovered that the Spanish of Santa Fe and the nearby Indians had many material needs (cotton prints, factory products, including the latest guns and ammunition, whiskey) that they could supply very profitably. Thus the Santa Fe Trail came to be known as a key commercial link to the west. On their return trips, tradesmen brought back Mexican products like wool, buffalo hides and horses, mules, gold coins, gold dust and silver. Dary (Cowboy Culture; Red Blood and Black Ink, etc.), a leading historian of the Old West, draws on original newspaper stories, letters, diaries, books and expedition records to re-create the adventures of many tough and colorful people who endured a journey that might take more than two months, if they were lucky enough to survive severe hardship, bad weather, broken axles and marauding tribes. The Santa Fe Trail continued to serve as the heart of the "commerce of the prairies" until it was replaced in the 1860s by railroads. (Nov. 17) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Unlike the Oregon Trail, a conduit for emigrants, the Santa Fe Trail was primarily a route for commerce. It prospered, despite terrific dangers to those who traveled it, because goods brought over the trail were considerably less expensive than those brought to Santa Fe via the competing route to Chihuahua and Mexico City. For devotees of the history of the West, Dary is the consummate guide to the annals of the trail. Opening with background on the Spanish crown's conquest and establishment of the province of New Mexico, and Santa Fe's founding in 1610, Dary passes quickly over the somnolent century and a quarter that followed and quickens the story with the first French traders, who pushed off from the Missouri River to brave the parched plains. The first recorded attempt, in about 1715, failed, but one in 1739 succeeded, with its leader writing of his near-death experience in an Indian attack. Indeed, a red-blooded and often brutal motif reigns over Dary's narrative, with trader/Indian skirmishes running right through to the trail's decline with the coming of the railroad in the 1860s. The dangers of ambush induced an occasional trader to bury his bullion rather than lose it to the Pawnees or Comanches, creating legends of buried treasure that Dary integrates with well-known facts about life on the trail. As he proceeds from Zebulon Pike's trek to Santa Fe in 1807 to the daring pioneering trading caravan of William Becknell in 1821 to the growth of trading posts and towns along the trail, the reader grows increasingly impressed with Dary's rendering of a balanced, comprehensive, and suitably dramatic story: it should become the standard source for the trail's history for some years to come. Gilbert Talyor Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Dary demonstrates a firm grasp of the terrain's history and is skilled at resurrecting the old lives of this landscape. Kirkus An unforgettable procession of dreamers and doers, losers and winners, villains and heroes in a well-told and carefully researched tale. New York Times Book Rich with fascinating detail about how travelers made their way across those nearly 900 miles . . . and who those travelers were. --Washington Post Dary has done it again with this masterful treatment of a great American emblem. --Los Angeles Times Will be the standard source for the trail's history for years to come. --Booklist