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Grand Canyon Stories: Then & Now



Synopsis

In the 130 years since John Wesley Powell first navigated the rampaging Colorado River through Grand Canyon, numerous adventurous souls have responded to the Canyon's call. Now, in stories spanning two centuries, historian Leo Banks delves into the characters of myth and legend, while writer/naturalist Craig Childs explores contemporary issues through sketches of the people who live and work in the West's most recognizable natural wonder. Every chapter is illustrated with at least one black and white photograph -- some are seldom-seen historical photos, others picture personalities who live and work in the Canyon now. A 15-page Grand Canyon "family album" acquaints readers with some of the interesting people who have been drawn to the Canyon through the years -- from Douglas Fairbanks to Barry Goldwater to the Harvey Girls. Other books have examined the Grand Canyon as a natural wonder. This book tells the stories of how the grandest of canyons has worked its wonder on people. Grand Canyon Stories is indispensable reading for anyone interested in Grand Canyon history and issues.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a good read if you relate to Nature's brutal honesty. There's nothing cuddly here, but it's all real.

I picked up this book when I was going out to see and hike the Grand Canyon. The book is much more interesting in context, i.e. you've seen and understand the scale and the environment of the Grand Canyon. The book has a series of short vignettes, arranged roughly chronologically, about

explorers, miners and assorted neer do wells that really gave life and reality to my experience hiking and exploring the Canyon. Each of the stories is concisely written and illustrated with period photos in B&W.

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