Covered Wagon Women

Kenneth L. Holmes 1995 Offers the writings and recollections of thirteen Anglo women who traveled to the American West in the 1840s, taken from their letters and diaries, and reflecting the political, social, and economic forces of the era.

Covered Wagon Women: 1854-1860

Kenneth L. Holmes 1996-01-01 Some of the women traveling west in the late 1850s were strong advocates of equal rights for their sex. On the trail, Julia Archibald Holmes and Hannah Keziah Clark sensibly wrote the "freedom costume" called bloomers. In 1856 Holmes joined the Pikes Peak gold rush and was the first woman of record to climb the famous mountain. Eduard Hanahl Clark traveled to California with a revolution in mind as a male included in this volume, which is also enriched by the trail diaries of seven other women. Among them were Sarah Sutton, who died in 1854, just before reaching Oregon. Young and her companion, in this volume of Covered Wagon Women, experienced a journey much different than that of their predecessors. Many of these women had sought the freedom for the West, with ambition to create new homes and businesses in a new and untamed land. Thus, the many of the same dangers, fears, and aspirations confronted these daring women who traveled the overland trails.

Covered Wagon Women

Kenneth L. Holmes 1991

Covered Wagon Women: 1860-1890

Kenneth L. Holmes 1995-01-01 V. 1. The women who traveled west in covered wagons during the 1840s speak through these letters and diaries. Here are the voices of Tamsen Donner and young Virginia Reed, members of the ill-fated Donner party; Patty Sessions, the Mormon midwife who delivered five babies on the trail between Omaha and Salt Lake City; Rachel Fisher, who buried both her husband and her little girl before reaching Oregon. Still others make themselves heard, starting out from different places and recording details along the way, from the mundane to the soul-shattering and spirit-lifting.

Best of Covered Wagon Women

Kenneth L. Holmes 2011-11-28 The diaries and letters of women who braved the overland trails during the great nineteenth-century westward migration are treasured documents in the study of the American West. These eight firsthand accounts are among the best ever written. They were selected for the power with which they portray the hardship, adventure, and awareness of a woman's role in the journey west. Some were written with the skills of educated women. Others bear the marks of crude cabin learning, with archaic and imaginative spelling and a simplicity of expression. All convey the profound effect the westward trek had on these women. For too long these letters and diaries were sentenced away in attics and basements, lost in the shelves of manuscript collections across the country. Their publication gives us a fresh perspective on the pioneer experience.

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The women who traveled west in covered wagons during the 1840s and 1850s are the principal subjects of this biographical dictionary. In the pages of this book are the life stories of women who harnessed the strength and endurance of horses to power the wagons. Some were young and enthusiastic; others bore the marks of crude cabin learning, with archaic and imaginative spelling and a simplicity of expression. All convey the profound effect the westward trek had on these women. For too long these letters and diaries were sentenced away in attics and basements, lost in the shelves of manuscript collections across the country. Their publication gives us a fresh perspective on the pioneer experience.

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Kenneth L. Holmes 1853-1854

Kenneth L. Holmes 1995-01-01 “We traveled this foreshore over the roughest and most desolate piece of ground that was ever made,” wrote Amelia Knight during her 1853 wagon train journey to Oregon. Some of the parties who traveled with Knight were propelled by religious motives. Hannah King, an Englishwoman and Mormon convert, was hoisted for Salt Lake City. Her cultured, introspective diary touches on the feelings of sensitive people bound together in a stressful undertaking. Calinda Hines and Rachel Fisher, members of the ill-fated Donner party, are among the best ever written. The fourth volume of Covered Wagon Women is devoted to families headed for California that year. Diaries and letters of six pioneer women describe the rigors en route, trailside celebrations and tragedies, the scourge of cholera, and encounters with the Indians.

Covered Wagon Women, Volume 1

Kenneth L. Holmes 2020-08-11 The women who traveled west in covered wagons during the 1840s speak through these letters and diaries. Here are the voices of Tamsen Donner and young Virginia Reed, members of the ill-fated Donner party; Patty Sessions, the Mormon midwife who delivered five babies on the trail between Omaha and Salt Lake City; Rachel Fisher, who buried both her husband and her little girl before reaching Oregon. Still others make themselves heard, starting out from different places and recording details along the way, from the mundane to the soul-shattering and spirit-lifting.

Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey

Lillian Schlissel 2011-08-01 The 133rd anniversary edition of one of the most original and provocative works of American history of the last decade, which documents the pioneering experiences and geit of American frontier women.

Pioneer Women

Joanna Stratton 2013-05-28 From a rediscovered collection of autobiographical accounts written by thirteen Kansas pioneer women in the early twentieth century, Joanna Stratton has created a collection of biographical sketches of these frontier women. These essays are a revealing look at the lives of the women who founded the state and a source book for those interested in learning more about these first women pioneers.

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crosses the Rockies, makes desperate fifty-mile forced marches for water, and repairs so many broken wheels and axles that he nearly reinvents the art of wagon travel itself. Apart from charting his own geographical and emotional adventure, Buck introduces readers to the evangelists, shysters, natives, trailblazers, and everyday dreamers who were among the first of the pioneers to make the journey west. With a rare narrative power, a refreshing candor about his own weaknesses and mistakes, and an extremely attractive obsession for history and travel, The Oregon Trail draws readers into the journey of a lifetime.

Covered Wagon Women: 1864-1868 - Kenneth L. Holmes 1983

Covered Wagon Women - Kenneth L. Holmes 1993

Oregon Trail Stories - David Klausmeyer 2003-12-01 Travel along the Oregon Trail with the pioneers who dared to "face the elephant" as they moved west in search of a new life. Compiled from the trail diaries and memoirs that document this momentous period in American history, Oregon Trail Stories is a fascinating look at the great American migration of the 19th century.

Heart of the Trail - Mary Barmeyer O'Brien 2017 True stories of the triumphs and tribulations of eight women who crossed the American frontier by wagon. First-hand accounts from their letters and diaries, most written on the trail.

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DawnSinger - Jasalyn Voigt 2012-06-29 The High Queen is dying... At the royal summons, Shae mounts a wingabeast and soars through the air to the high hold of Faeraven, where all is not as it seems. Visions warn her of danger, and a dark soul touches hers in the night. When she encounters an attractive but disturbing musician, her wayward heart awakens. But then there is Kai, a guardian of Faeraven and of Shae. Secrets bind him to her, and her safety lies at the center of every decision he makes. On a desperate journey fraught with peril and the unknown, they battle warlike gwar, waeveans, fierce raptors, and the wraiths of their own regrets. Yet, they must endure the campaign long enough to release the DawnKing and the salvation he offers into a divided land. To prevail, each must learn that sometimes victory comes only through surrender.

The Covered Wagon - Emerson Hough 2020-09-28 Molly Wingate, middle-aged, portly, dark browed and strong, stood at the door of the rude tent which for the time made her home. She was pointing down the road which lay like an ecru ribbon thrown down across the prairie grass, bordered beyond by the timber-green bluffs of the Missouri. Jesse Wingate allowed his team of harness-marked horses to continue their eager drinking at the watering hole of the little stream near which the camp was pitched until, their thirst quenched, they began bursting their muzzles and blowing into the water in sensuous enjoyment. He stood, a strong and tall man of perhaps forty-five years, of keen blue eye and short, close-matted, tawny beard. His garb was the loose dress of the outlying settler of the Western lands three-quarters of a century ago. A farmer he must have been back home. Could this encampment, on the very front of the American civilization, now be called a home? Beyond the prairie road could be seen a double furrow of jet-black glinting sod, framing the green grass and its spangling flowers, first browning of the plow on virgin soil. It might have been the opening of a farm. But if so, why the crude hovels? Why the gear of travelers? Why the massed arklike wagons, the scores of morning fires lifting lazy blue wreaths of smoke against the morning mists? The truth was that Jesse Wingate, earlier and impatient on the front, out of the very suppression of energy, had been trying his plow in the first white furrows beyond the Missouri in the great year of 1848. Four hundred other near-by plows alike were busy for the soil of Oregon; as witness this long line of newcomers, late at the frontier rendezvous. "It's the Liberty wagons from down river," said the campmaster at length. "Missouri movers and settlers from lower Illinois. It's time. We can't lie here much longer waiting for Missouri or Illinois, either. The grass is up." "Well, we'd have to wait for Molly to end her spring term, teaching in Clay School, in Liberty," rejoined his wife, "else why'd we send her there to graduate? Twelve dollars a month, cash money, ain't to be sneezed at. No; nor is two thousand miles of trail between here and Oregon, before snow, to be sneezed at, either. If Molly ain't with those wagons I'll send Jed over for her to-day. If I'm going to 'face the elephant' as they moved west in search of a new life. Compiled from the trail diaries and memoirs that document this momentous period in American history, Oregon Trail Stories is a fascinating look at the great American migration of the 19th century.

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