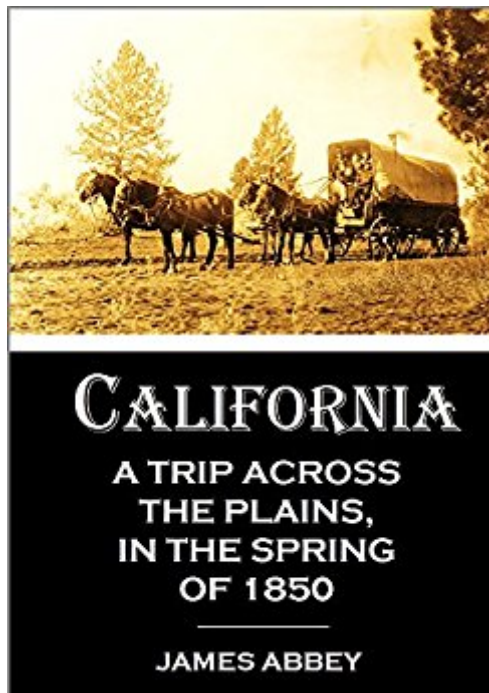




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Synopsis

James Abbey was a member of a traveling party that left New Albany, Indiana, for California in 1850. He kept a day-by-day journal of his overland journey. Abbey provides a wealth of information about what it was like to travel overland by wagon in 1850.

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A good account of one man's experience of his travel to California in a wagon train. Since my great grandfather went to the gold fields in this manner about this same time, I found the information interesting. I have letters sent back while he was there but no information about his trip to get there.'

Another great read! This is not really a story but a lot of great information about the Westward movement. A lot of good information!

It was interesting but it was more of a diary than a book. Not much to write in a diary when you cross the plains in a covered wagon. Each day is the same as the other. But, it held my attention to

finish reading it.

Always wondered what it was like in those wagon trains with oxen. And all the questions I have had were answered like how far did they travel in a day ? . And Snakes also felt like have better understanding of the very real dangers they faced, Indians bad water , no water or no grass for animals.

These are daily diary entries. Abbey doesn't really write narrative. However, the information given is interesting. This book gives a fairly good picture of the hardships of crossing the plains and mountains of America in 1850.

Bought this for research and found it immensely helpful. Abbey kept a good diary that gives vivid accounts of a relatively uneventful overland journey. If you want to understand day-by-day what the overland journey in the 1850s was like, this is a superb place to start. His details are a researcher's dream - even down to the cost of bacon.

Gave a very good detail what it was like to travel West. So many do not tell of the actual events.

Young men set off by ox team to join the gold rush. Through difficulties over three months they arrive in California. Enthusiasm soon gives place to reality, as they work for a pittance of gold each day. The book ends at the point of unsatisfied curiosity. Did the young narrator find success or return home? It is, however, a valuable journal that recounts the 1850's gold rush.

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