

"It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own"



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"It's your misfortune and none of my own," the line from a song, sets the tone for this sweeping account of the West from the early European incursions to the present. White, a leader in the "new history of the West" movement, builds upon Patricia N. Limerick's *The Legacy of Conquest* (LJ 9/1/87) to provide a far-reaching explanation of the creation of a region rather than just the vanishing of the frontier. Drawing upon ethnic, environmental, urban, labor, and women's history as well as traditional sources, White gives fresh perspective to the West. His book is well written and contains useful graphics, though a major disappointment is the lack of footnotes. Nonetheless, this is a significant contribution to the understanding not only of how the West was won but also of how much of it was lost. This will appeal to history buffs and scholars and is highly recommended for academic and larger public libraries.

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评论

(改于2017.02.02: 其实没有我之前说的那么遭, 但由于并不是commentary, 作者给的线索并不明显。需要细读整理逻辑。) 一本讲历史发展的书, 作者写得非常凌乱, 很难在各个例举分类中找出逻辑。有时候并列, 有时候相互包含, 有时候递进。一个小分类中也是想到啥讲啥的写法。糟糕!

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