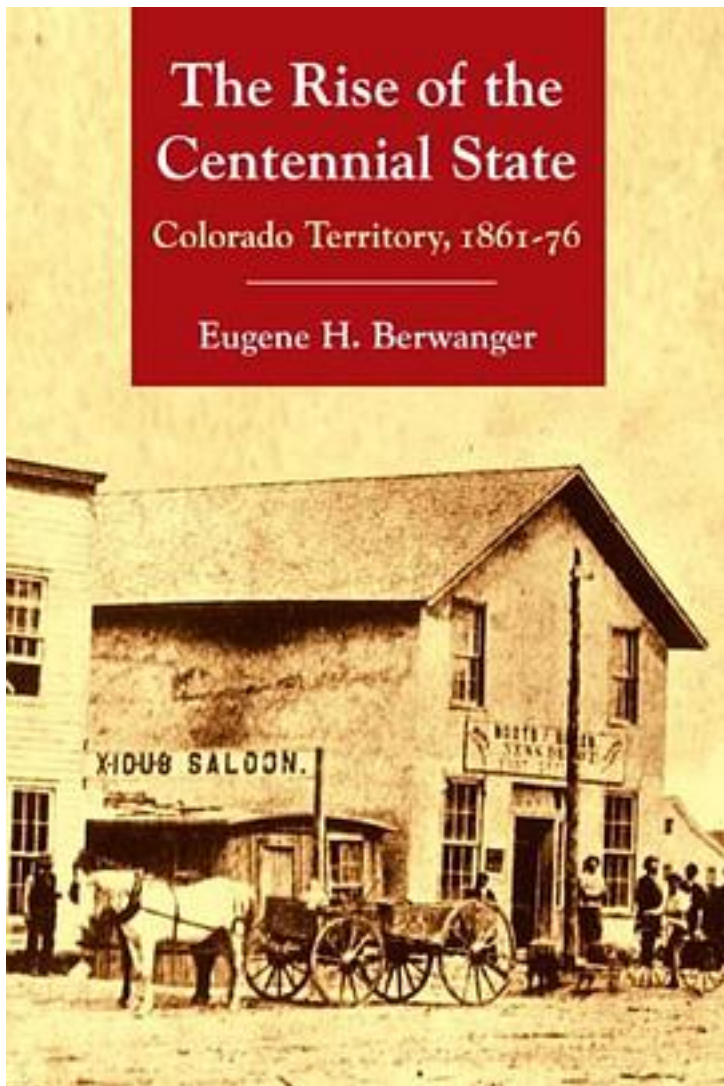


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This is the first single-volume history of the Colorado territory, encompassing the entire territorial period from the beginning of the Civil War to 1876, when Colorado became a state. "The Rise of the Centennial State" traces the growth of the territory as new technologies increased mining profits and as new modes of transportation - especially the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads - opened the territory to eastern markets, bringing waves of settlers to farm, ranch, and establish new communities. Eugene H. Berwanger's history is packed with colourful characters and portraits of sprawling, brawling frontier and mining towns from Denver to Central City. He presents a multifaceted discussion of Colorado's resurgence after the war, with rich discussions of the role of minorities in the territory's development: Indian-white relations (including discussions of now forgotten battles of Beecher's Island and Summit Springs, which destroyed the Indians' hold on the Colorado Plains); the social segregation of blacks in Denver; and Mexican Americans' displeasure at being separated from the Hispano culture of New Mexico. Berwanger also demonstrates the decisive role of Colorado's admission to statehood in swinging the disputed presidential election of 1876 to the Republican candidate, Rutherford B. Hayes.

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