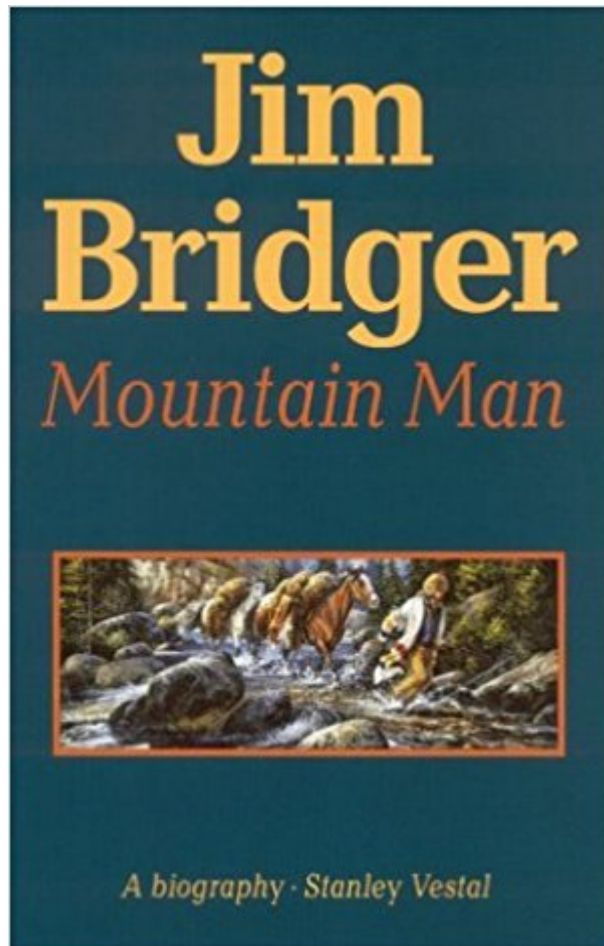




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Jim Bridger: Mountain Man



Synopsis

Even among the mighty mountain men, Jim Bridger was a towering figure. He was one of the greatest explorers and pathfinders in American history. He couldn't write his name, but at eighteen he had braved the fury of the Missouri, ascending it in a keelboat flotilla commanded by that stalwart Mike Fink. By 1824, when he was only twenty, he had discovered the Great Salt Lake. Later he was to open the Overland Route, which was the path of the Overland Stage, the Pony Express, and the Union Pacific. One of the foremost trappers in the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, he was a legend in his own time as well as ours. He remains one of the most important scouts and guides in the history of the West. The Christian Science Monitor has called this biography "probably the fairest portrait of Jim Bridger in existence." The New York Times has praise for a "painstaking job of research among the usual Bridger sources and among some others which have been neglected. . . . [The author] has adequately set the scene for his hero's adventures and has honestly appraised the great guide's historical stature." Other Bison Books by Stanley Vestal: Dodge City: Queen of Cowtowns, Joe Meek: The Merry Mountain Man; The Missouri, The Old Santa Fe Trail, and Warpath: The True Story of the Fighting Sioux Told in a Biography of Chief White Bull

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Great read about a man that epitomizes the spirit that made America great, which is sorely missed

today. Seems the Hugh Glass incident forever changed Bridger making him independent, reliable, resourceful and in the end, a great American who experienced many incredible adventures.

Excellent view of life and times during western discovery and military action. True insight into mountaineers and various Indian tribes and the natural demands of exploring in the Wild West.

As I love to read of this era I've always caught a piece here and there of this great explorer and Mtn man. Now I feel so privileged and honored to know his true story though thru the sad demise of the Indian way of life. And thank you Mr Vestal for taking the time to tell it.....wow!!

Complete accurate biography of the fur trade era. Really helps to connect the historical dots of that time in history.

This was an informative and entertaining read. But the effort to produce dialog in Bridger's drawl was poorly done and tiresome. Still, it's a rare look at an unsung hero of early America.

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Loving this book.

Try to imagine the vast American west as Jim Bridger saw it. His remarkable life is a testament to a younger, still expanding country. He saw the wilderness as it really was and his discoveries opened up the nation for those who followed. He was a fascinating man.

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