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Insightful reviews

Kathy Zwick:

Fantastic along with Mormon Country!

Shaun: This was the story of the Mormon pioneer migration from Nauvoo to the Salt Lake Valley, by Wallace Stegner. This is written from a non-Mormon perspective, which I found interesting. I learned many things about the various trips people did from the Mormon Battalion, to Brigham Young's first trip to SLC, to the many hand cart company adventures. It is an amazing story that I recommend reading.

Tim Sutton: I loved this book! It gave me a wonderfully human perspective on the Mormon Trail.

Dan Beatty: good it took me some time to learn this yet until eventually I acquired to the final 3rd of the e-book then my curiosity was once peaked. i am not certain if it was once simply me now not knowing or if it was once the writer made issues somewhat complex within the first a part of the e-book yet total the ebook used to be nice I relish my better realizing of what the Mormon pioneers needed to pass through--- to be kicked out of assorted areas that they anticipate it have been going to be the place they'd remain until eventually they eventually made it to Salt Lake urban Utah area. brave people; many died yet they stored her faith. Written via a nonmember of the Mormon religion yet instructed in a fashion that confirmed how a lot he revered and valued their attempt

Craig: beginning with the martyrdom of Joseph Smith in 1844, Stegner information the westward migration of the participants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) to Zion within the nice Basin within the "tops of the mountains." Stegner, who grew up in Salt Lake urban (but was once no longer a Mormon himself), attracts from Mormon and non-Mormon resources as a foundation for his historic account. As in his "Mormon Country", he will get definite evidence wrong, yet doesn't disparage or cross judgment at the Saints nor their ardent spiritual fervor. Rather, he comes off an admirer. He lauds them for his or her hearty ruggedness; for his or her skill to suffer and to overcome; and for his or her willingness to put down their lives with out complaint, while their actual hardships easily overcame their mortality. Stegner foreshadows his emotions in regards to the Mormon pioneers and their exodus from Nauvoo within the previous couple of sentences to his Introduction: "I should still wish to take care of the Mormon pioneers, if I can, as humans in their time and place, the sooner ones

westward-moving Americans, the later ones were gripped by means of the double promise of financial betterment and everlasting life. . . Suffering, endurance, discipline, faith, brotherly and sisterly charity, the traits so completely celebrated by way of Mormon writers, have been absolutely good allotted between them, yet theirs additionally was once a regular volume of human cussedness, vengefulness, masochism, backbiting, violence, ignorance, selfishness, and gullibility. as far as it's possible, I shall take them from their very own journals and recollections and letters, and that I shall try and stick to George Bancroft's rule for historians: I shall attempt to current them of their phrases and decide them in mine. That I don't settle for the religion that possessed them doesn't suggest I doubt their common devotion and heroism in its service. specially their women. Their girls have been incredible."

Teresa: I am approximately 2/3 via this booklet and feature quite loved it. It is as though he said, "What if the Mormon pioneers have been actual individuals with the traditional diversity of human strengths & frailties?" I have frequently learned histories written by way of historians; I a lot desire histories written via writers. And Stegner is well a writer.-----I've completed the e-book now & hugely suggest it—especially the bankruptcy at the handcart companies. I used to be moved to tears studying it. This was once instructed to me by means of Gloy Wride, a girl I hugely respect, and I am happy she instructed me approximately it. a couple of (long) thoughts, in no specific order: Stegner has a good expertise for spotting and validating person humanity. he is a very good folklorist (and I suggest that as an excessive compliment). while he talks a couple of a part of Mormon heritage that's most likely extra fable than fact, he nonetheless recognizes the function the parable has performed in Mormon tradition and does not belittle those that think it. Examples: after discussing the facts that Brigham Younger most likely by no means stated "This is the precise place, force on," he writes, "Nevertheless one is comfortable that Woodruff both resurrected or fortunately misremembered Brigham's words. If Brother Brigham didn't make that reverberating phrase, he may still have." Another example: After reporting Richard Burton's less-than-favorable description of a "dirty Scotch Mormon with slattern Irish sisters for wives," he writes that the Saints "will probably, in indignant repudiation of what Richard Burton stated in their grandfathers and nice grandfathers, insist upon the correct of these ancestors to respect--for their faith, their endurance, their discipline. and they'll be no less than as correct as Burton....From this distance, and with the full historical past of the Mormon Migration earlier than my eyes, I'm joyful to take off my hat and salute even those with a level of respect....The tale of the Mormon path is a narrative of people, no larger and no worse than different people, probably, yet definitely as sternly validated as any, and with a correct to their delight within the approach they've got borne the testing." I used to be intrigued by means of Stegner's concept that the Saints have been nearly wanting to endure as a manner of proving their righteousness. I believe there's whatever to that during the Missouri & Nauvoo era, yet I didn't purchase it on the finish while he discusses the Utah War. I'd imagine those who had simply walked hundreds of thousands of miles around the plains to flee an adversarial country had already proved themselves to themselves. I feel they desired to be left alone, and that I hugely doubt any of them welcomed the inside track of Johnston's military marching in the direction of them in 1857. The publication mentions plenty and many people—I imagine it'd be complicated to somebody with out past wisdom of Mormon history. Additionally, this ebook bargains exclusively with the migration from Nauvoo, Illinois to Salt Lake City, Utah and says little or no concerning the period from 1814 – 1846 or after 1858. I'd suggest that somebody simply starting to examine

the LDS church learn a broader evaluation of church background first. The publication ends through discussing Joseph Smith, the founding father of the LDS Church. Stegner writes that once strolling throughout the streets of Nauvoo, Illinois, “even an unbeliever is delivered to the conception that guy who began all this used to be no mere charlatan...this used to be a powerful imagination, a guy with a rare skill to maneuver men.” He additionally describes him as “ambiguous, unreliable, incautious, vain, charming...a guy with a vision.” The final line of the ebook is, “Ultimately he's the article of each pilgrimage; for if we comprehend him we will know it all.” Ironically, I felt like Stegner by no means knew particularly what to make of Joseph Smith. I don't imagine I'll articulate what his perspectives are—they're as different as his record of adjectives. After all the writing is delightful. One in all my favourite passages was, “She had a knack for making the easiest of things. If it had hailed stones as huge as baseballs she could have pop out from take care of thinking about if it wasn't a great time to make up a pleasant freezer of ice cream.” And, as an extra bonus, I used to be shocked to discover a letter from Franklin Richards describing intimately his event of being pushed from Nauvoo together with his brother-in-law, George Wardle and his family. George Wardle is my 3rd-great grandfather—I was once extremely joyful to discover this first-hand document (pg ninety three in my book). In sum, I assumed it used to be a wonderful, hot ebook that made the pioneers all of the extra endearing by way of discussing them as genuine people with actual difficulties and personalities.

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