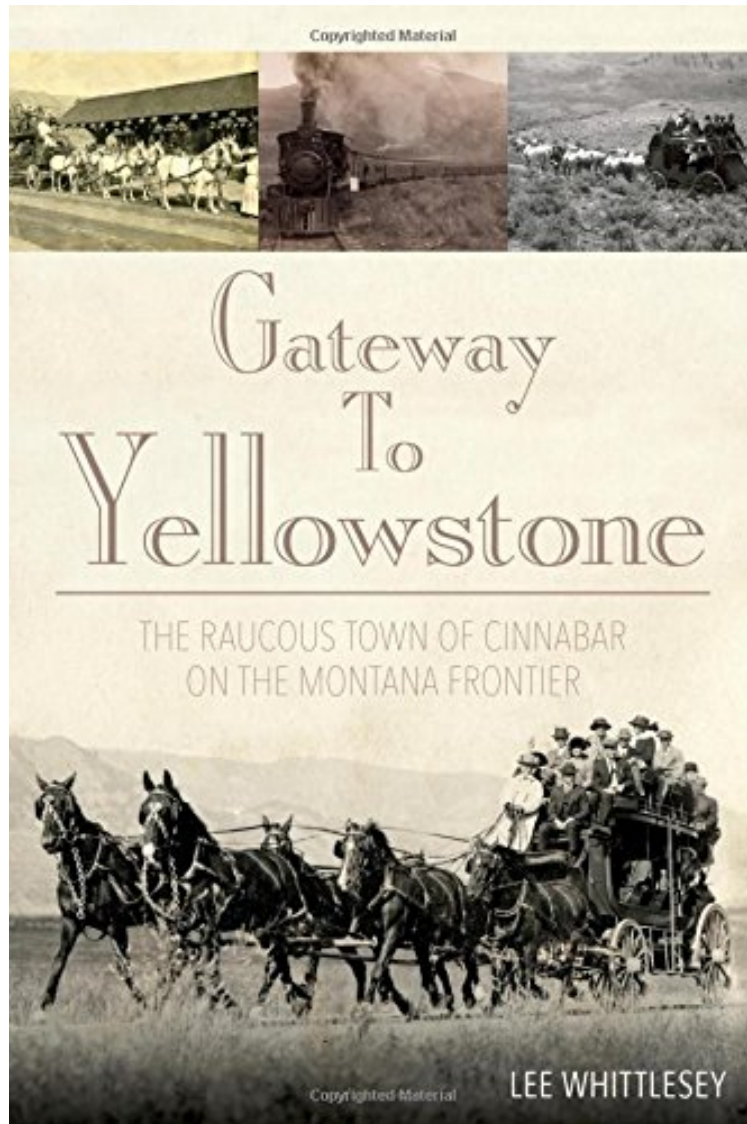


Gateway to Yellowstone: The Raucous Town of Cinnabar on the Montana Frontier

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Yellowstone and nearby communities. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Town That Almost Was - Cinnabar, Montana By Customer Lee Whittlesey, a Yellowstone National Park historian, has created a work that will appeal to true lovers of Montana history. Cinnabar, Montana, was an almost temporary town on the Yellowstone River just north of the entrance to Yellowstone Park. It was the brainchild of an entrepreneur who almost willed the town into existence with dreams of a railhead that would serve the expected numbers of visitors in the 1880s, but had that dream die when the railroad was extended south to Gardner at the exact entrance to the Park. Whittlesey almost parallels this entrepreneurs actions by himself willing into being a history of a place that barely existed. But he does it with enthusiasm, with remarkable dedication and truly with love, in his quest of cobbling together a fascinating history of the family and events of Cinnabara town that 99% of Montanans dont even know existed. I loved the detail, the narrative and the tribute to a place that is gone. but while it lived had high hopes. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Detailed, fascinating, entertaining By Jaylia Though hundreds of newspaper articles had already been written about Yellowstone National Park, whipping up public interest around the world, before the railroad came to the town of Cinnabar, Montana in 1883 getting to the park was extremely difficult. This fascinating book tells the history of that town, which only existed for a few decades, but it also gives a picture of the whole country during the last part of the nineteenth century, a sense of what life in the West was like at that time, and through the individuals involved in the Cinnabars story it traces the countrys changing attitudes about wilderness areas, and what should be done with them. At just less than 200 pages of text (there are many more pages of notes, and some photos), Gateway to Yellowstone is both detailed and entertaining. Its the only book by Lee H Whittlesey Ive read so far, but hes probably best known for his book Death in Yellowstone: Accidents and Foolhardiness in the First national Park, which is so popular that the 1995 edition was updated in 2014. I read an advanced review copy provided by the publisher through LibraryThing at no cost or obligation to me. Review opinions are mine.

By 1883 when the rail lines of the Northern Pacific reached the tiny town of Cinnabar, Montana Territory, newspaper and magazine stories of the wonders to be found in Yellowstone National Park had been firing the imaginations of eager potential visitors around the world for a decade. Once the railroad completed that critical bit of their route, the world was poised to actually see the magic of Yellowstone, and the prospect of a trip was no longer just exciting it was a possibility. It seemed like everyone who could afford the ticket from middle class residents of New York City to Army Generals William Tecumseh Sherman and Philip Sheridan to President Chester A. Arthur wanted to ride the train to see Yellowstone. Their jumping off point for their journey into Wonderland was the town envisioned by Hugo Hoppe, a raucous Wild West town poised for greatness as the Gateway to all of Yellowstones offerings. The town of Cinnabar, Montana, no longer exists, but when it did, it served as the immediate railroad gateway for a generation of visitors to Yellowstone National Park. Visitors passed through its streets from September 1, 1883, through June 15, 1903 This book tells the story of its place in the West, and the legend of the town and its promoters. Its story is one of aspiration and dreams in the American West and its place in the legend and lore of Yellowstone has kept the spirit of Cinnabar alive for more than a hundred years since the town itself faded away.

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