

A Remarkable Curiosity - Amos Jay Cummings

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In 1873, Amos Jay Cummings, a decorated Civil War veteran and journalist for the New York Sun newspaper, set out on a westward journey aboard the newly completed transcontinental railroad. For some time, miners, settlers, and entrepreneurs had already been heading west to make their fortunes, and Cummings made the trip in part to see what all the fuss was about. During his six-month expedition from Kansas to California, Cummings sent extraordinary and engaging accounts of the American West back to his readers in New York. Collected in this volume for the first time are Cummings's portraits of a land and its assortment of characters unlike anything back East. Characters like Pedro Armijo, the New Mexican sheep tycoon who took Denver by storm, and more prominently the Mormon prophet Brigham Young and one of his wives, Ann Eliza Young, who was filing for divorce at the time of Cummings's arrival. Although today he is virtually unknown, during his lifetime Cummings was one of the most famous newspapermen in the United States, in part because of stories like these. Complete with a biographical sketch and historical introduction, A Remarkable Curiosity is an enjoyable read for anybody interested in the American West in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Author: Cummings, Amos Jay Publisher: University Press of Colorado Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: A Remarkable Curiosity Pages: 00000 (Unencrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2011-05-18 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780870819261 Category: History : United States - State & Local - West Category: History : United States - 19th Century Category: Travel : Essays & Travelogues

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