



Yellowstone: A Natural and Human History, Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Yellowstone: A Natural and Human History, Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming While 19th - century Americans prized Yellowstone's wonders for their curiosity, they also valued them as manifestations of natural processes that might expand human horizons. The 1870s saw the establishment of the Geological surveys as well as the park. One of Yellowstone's main explorers, Ferdinand Hayden, was a government geologist. Members of Congress would not have voted to preserve Yellowstone if it had seemed only an infernal amusement park. They were well aware of the deeper implications of all that steam rushing forth from the ground and water crashing over falls - such forces drove industrial development then. Geology was a cutting-edge science of the mid-19th century. Geology then was like space exploration would be to the mid-20th century, and the Yellowstone area was its Mars. Yellowstone was that faraway, alien place where theories could be tested by observing natural forces still at work in spectacularly pristine ways. This noble deed may be regarded as a tribute from our legislators to science, Hayden wrote...



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