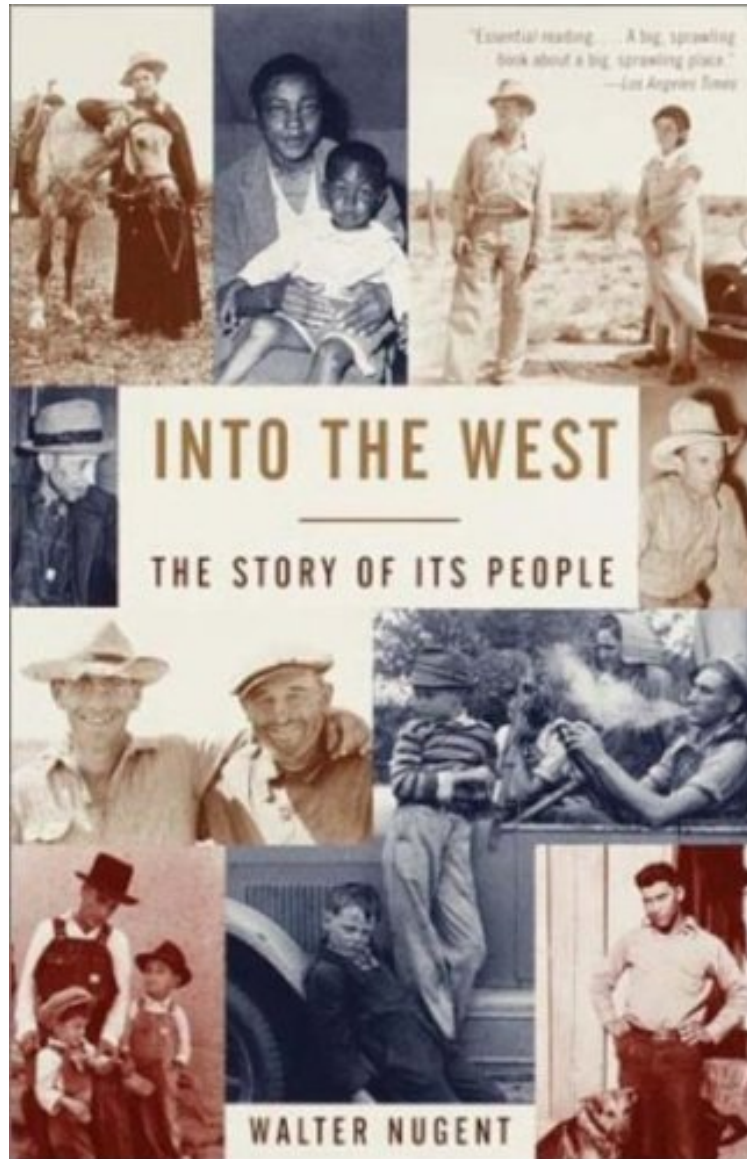


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**Von Walter Nugent : Into the West: The Story of Its People** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Into the West: The Story of Its People:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. another book about the WestVon Alexis rzewskiThe West, the mythical West. After all the movies and books, another book, just fresh from the printing presses. Yet, it will not bore you. The catchy spine BW photographs show a sample of ethnicities that found freedom of life in a land where rules were fresh and into the making. The cover photograph is

very catchy too, almost as of a B movie from the 1940 hollywood years. The style is fast and rich with texture and details, and never stuffy. The last chapter, on the last 10 years, I wish it had more on the Colorado front range being invaded by Californians, and how the latter and the Coloradans coped with each other. In that regard, the bibliography did not mention Mark Bacon's "The California Escape Manual", a very appropriate side reading.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A terrific history of the American West.Von Midwest Book ReviewFor a more personal view of history than most texts would offer, consider Walter Nugent's Into The West, an important history contrasting the experiences of various peoples who settled there. From pioneers and their motivations to involuntary immigrants, this provides important historical details.

KurzbeschreibungAcclaimed historian Walter Nugent brings us what is perhaps the most comprehensive and fascinating account to date of the peopling of the American West. In this epic social-demographic history, Nugent explores the populations of the West as they grow, change and intersect from the Paleo-Indians, the Spanish Conquistadors, to displaced Okies, wartime African American immigrants, and all the disparate groups that have made California the most ethnically diverse state in the union. Their tale, in all its complexity, is a tale that surprises, that subverts traditional stereotypes and that illuminates the multifaceted character of one of the worlds most unique and dynamic territories.From the Trade Paperback edition..deWhen he was a teenager, growing up in New York, Walter Nugent's only knowledge of the West came through Dragnet and B-movies, watching "cops and villains speed along streets lined with palm trees." For many in the East, the Midwest, and the South, the Great West has remained terra incognita, a diverse, dynamic region with mythic origins and enormous influence over our culture and economics. With the benefit of an outsider's eyes, Nugent has constructed "a new, unified history of the people of the West from earliest times to the present," answering why people came west and why, for the most part, they stayed. Because Nugent has conceived a "social-demographic history ... a history of the people, not of their politics or other doings," he warns readers not to look for chapter breaks at 1776, 1865, or 1945--economic booms and depressions played a bigger role in the West than politicians and generals, it seems. Likewise, geography is contested, receiving knowing treatment as Nugent digs into whether the West is the "Plains to the Pacific, or just Dodge City to the Sierras." Nugent successfully pursues broad themes, such as the region's rapid urbanization and its central role in the baby boom and the death of homesteading. But Into the West shows equal affection for the more personal stories, such as the extended conflict between Anglos and braceros in the Great Plains and the nascent rise of turn-of-the-century tourism (the Rock Island Railroad promised in 1903 that "a month in California will do you more good than all the medicine in Christendom"). --Paul Hughes.comWhen he was a teenager, growing up in New York, Walter Nugent's only knowledge of the West came through Dragnet and B-movies, watching "cops and villains speed along streets lined with palm trees." For many in the East, the Midwest, and the South, the Great West has remained terra incognita, a diverse, dynamic region with mythic origins and enormous influence over our culture and economics. With the benefit of an outsider's eyes, Nugent has constructed "a new, unified history of the people of the West from earliest times to the present," answering why people came west and why, for the most part, they stayed. Because Nugent has conceived a "social-demographic history ... a history of the people, not of their politics or other doings," he warns readers not to look for chapter breaks at 1776, 1865, or 1945--economic booms and depressions played a bigger role in the West than politicians and generals, it seems. Likewise, geography is contested, receiving knowing treatment as Nugent digs into whether the West is the "Plains to the Pacific, or just Dodge City to the Sierras." Nugent successfully pursues broad themes, such as the region's rapid urbanization and its central role in the baby boom and the death of homesteading. But Into the West shows equal affection for the more personal stories, such as the extended conflict between Anglos and braceros in the Great Plains and the nascent rise of turn-of-the-century tourism (the Rock Island Railroad promised in 1903 that "a month in California will do you more good than all the medicine in Christendom"). --Paul Hughes