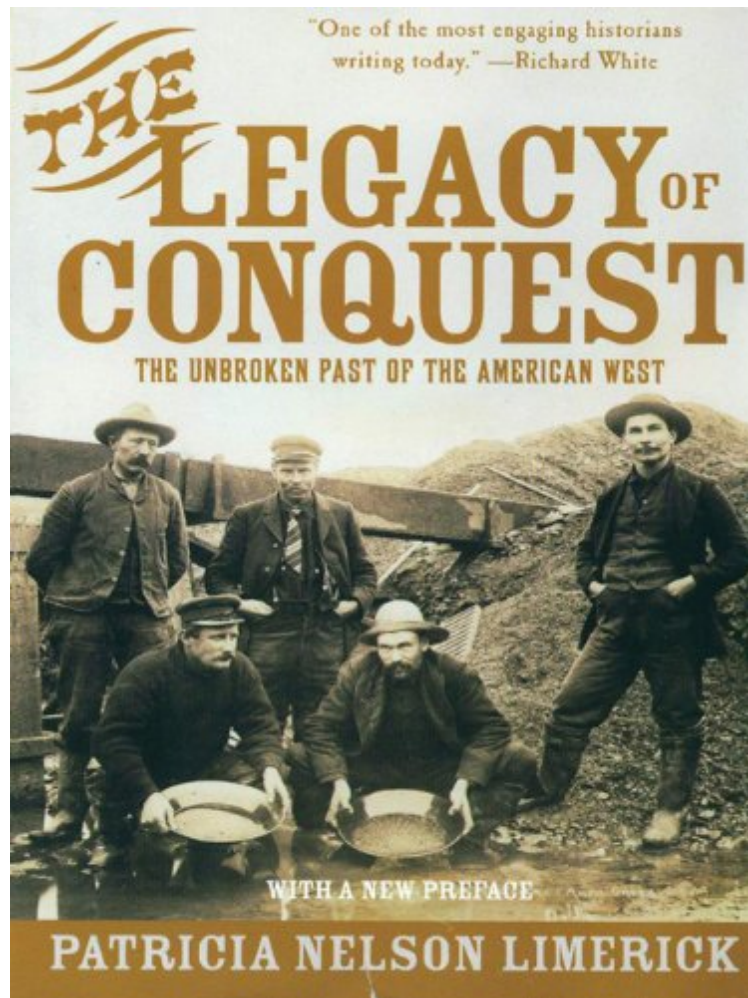


# The Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West

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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the only history books I've boughtVon BenjaminYes, the title of my review is correct; this is one of the only history books that I have purchased in cash for use on a school project. "The Legacy of Conquest" is a good history book, and it is a good work on the West from a so-called "modern" perspective, whatever that means. Although it appears to be essentially comprehensive in its treatment of the expansion period, it is at times episodic, and subjects that Ms. Limerick favors understandably are given more coverage. By the way, although it's a good book, I didn't buy it because I was enthralled, I bought it because I couldn't find it at the library. If you want a fantastic, heavy, huge, and

totally comprehensive survey of western expansion, the best book by far to get your hands on is Ray Allen Billington's "Westward Expansion," which I believe is now out of print. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Standard for New Western History Von L. Troy Beals Limerick's writing is vivid and engaging. The organization of her chapters is excellent. She critiques every aspect of the Turner thesis. Her book is/was the opening salvo in the New Western History that looks at the American West as a region instead of a process of frontiers. Limerick seeks to include everyone in her story of the American West, not just white, Anglo-American cowboys and Native Americans. A wonderful book. There is NEW stuff in this book, in that before her few historians of the west looked at women, Asians, Indians from their perspective, blacks, etc. A must read for any student of the American West! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The continuity of history Von Ein Kunde Anyone who still believes with Frederick Jackson Turner that the West somehow "closed" in 1898 should read this book. Limerick advances the thesis that the same boom-bust cycles and the same struggles over land, water, and mineral rights that characterized the "Wild West" are continuing to this day. She writes in an engaging style that combines well-told narrative with penetrating analysis.

Kurzbeschreibung "Limerick is one of the most engaging historians writing today." --Richard White The "settling" of the American West has been perceived throughout the world as a series of quaint, violent, and romantic adventures. But in fact, Patricia Nelson Limerick argues, the West has a history grounded primarily in economic reality; in hardheaded questions of profit, loss, competition, and consolidation. Here she interprets the stories and the characters in a new way: the trappers, traders, Indians, farmers, oilmen, cowboys, and sheriffs of the Old West "meant business" in more ways than one, and their descendents mean business today. From Library Journal The purpose of this volume, never precisely defined, appears to be twofold: to debunk the popular myths and misperceptions surrounding the settlement of the American West; and refute the theory that western history was a period marked by the opening and closing of a frontier. The author argues for thinking of the West as "a place as many complicated environments," one that is a "preeminent case study in conquest and its consequences." However, she does not successfully integrate the various topics she tackles. The point of her work becomes increasingly vague as she jumps from topic to topic, her style ranging from intellectual and scholarly to casual and journalistic. Not recommended. Frank Schroth, Technology Training Assocs., Cambridge, Mass. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen "Written with extraordinary grace and understanding, Patricia Nelson Limerick's *The Legacy of Conquest* returns the Western American past to the mainstream of national history."