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# John Colter: Explorer, Mountain Man, And Trapper (1899)



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## Synopsis

The author, Charles Griffin Coutant (1840 - 1913), was a resident of Cheyenne and served as a Wyoming state librarian and archivist. John Colter ( 1774 â “ 1813) was a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804â “1806). Though party to one of the more famous expeditions in history, Colter is best remembered for explorations he made during the winter of 1807â “1808, when he became the first known person of European descent to enter the region now known as Yellowstone National Park, and to see the Teton Mountain Range. Colter spent months alone in the wilderness, and is widely considered to be the first mountain man. Contents of this book: â ¢THE FIRST AMERICAN TO ENTER WYOMINGâ ”â ¢A MEMBER OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITIONâ ”â ¢REMAINS IN THE VICINITY OF THE YELLOWSTONE FROM 1806-10â ¢HE TRAPS ALONG THE BIG HORN, BIG WIND RIVER, AND CROSSES THE RANGE TO THE PACIFIC SLOPE IN 1807â ”â ¢RETURNS BY WAY OF THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, OF WHICH HE WAS THE DISCOVERER â ” â ¢His ADVENTURE WITH THE BLACKFEETâ ”â ¢A RACE FOR LIFEâ ”â ¢RELATES HIS STORY TO CAPT. CLARK, BRADBURY AND OTHERS. This book originally published in 1899 has been reformatted for the Kindle and may contain an occasional defect from the original publication or from the reformatting.

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Very well written. Very typical of what you would expect to read about the real Mountain Men of the Northwest. I've always been intrigued by Hugh Glass and other trappers of the Northwest and this book really takes you there and lets you understand the hard, rugged lifestyle they endured.

John Coulter was with the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804. After the trip ended, 1806, Coulter mustered out and immediately returned to the wilderness of the Missouri. He made many discoveries in what is now Wyoming and Montana. While many other explorers have documented their trials and tribulations, we know very little on Coulter's adventures - it is believed he was mainly a trapper. This book is rather short. A great read of our early history of the West.

The short story, as that is all that it was, would have been much better if more had been known and written about John Copter but because of the time period and the lack of education of the primary characters we have to rely on what is available. Still a good story of an exceptional man and a brief period in his life.

Good book, just wasn't long enough since I enjoy books about that era.

Very good.

Always interested in knowing more about Colter and his life. A tough life! Lived in Montana and heard about the Annual foot race named Colters Run. I understand about its true meaning now.

Good story of Colter's life, I enjoyed it!

This is a short sketch rather than a book. The author compiles what little material is available about Coulter. The reader wishes there were more.

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