

## THE ANNALS OF IOWA

*Buffalo Bill: His Family, Friends, Fame, Failures, and Fortunes*, by Nellie Snyder Yost. (Chicago: Swallow Press, Inc., 1979. 510 pp., illustrations, bibliography, notes, index, \$17.50.)

Much of the romance we attach to the frontier West derives from Buffalo Bill, but all the publicity and exaggeration have made his personality elusive. This biography succeeds in cutting through much of the exaggeration and presents rather a new and rich portrait of Buffalo Bill "at home"—Cody the husband, father, neighbor, citizen. This book tells how his relatives and friends in his home town of North Platte, Nebraska saw Bill. This is the best biography since Don Russell's work in 1960—*The Lives and Legends of Buffalo Bill*. Solidly based on years of research, Yost's work will long stand as coming closest to revealing the real Buffalo Bill as opposed to the caricature steeped in legends.

*Those Tremendous Mountains: The Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, by David Freeman Hawke. (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1980. 289 pp., illustrations, bibliography, index, \$12.95.)

The author, a noted biographer of such historic figures as Franklin, Rush, and Paine, presents in this work, not so much a biography of Lewis and Clark (he allows them to speak for themselves), but more a narrative of their famous expedition. Hawke concentrates on the section of the trip across the Rocky Mountains; the remainder of their trip is rather anticlimactic. Some forty-three reproductions grace the work—drawings by Clark, engravings and paintings by Charles Peale and Karl Bodmer. The narrative is lively (typical of Hawke's style) and the quotations from Lewis and Clark's own accounts are smoothly woven into the fabric of the over-all work.

*The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad: The Historic Preservation Study*, by Spencer Wilson and Vernon J. Glover. (Albuquerque: The University of New Mexico Press, 1980. 170 pp., illustrations, appendices, index, \$19.95 cloth, \$8.95 paper.)

This book gives a vivid account of one of the few remaining "living railroad museums." The sixty-four miles of track running through the San Juan Mountains between New Mexico and Colorado is the sole remaining link to a bygone age. This narrow-gauge railroad was once significant in the mining, lumber, and livestock industries of these

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states. Today, thanks to citizens and lawmakers, the entire C&TSRR is functioning as a scenic line, leased by Scenic Railways Company. The color photographs alone make the book worth its price. No one who has ridden a steam train or who has an interest in railroading will want to be without this book.

*Administration: A Bibliography on Historical Organization Practices*, Vol. 5, edited by Frederick L. Rath, Jr. and Merrilyn Rogers O'Connell. (Nashville: American Association for State & Local History, 1980. 228 pp., index, \$14.95.)

In this, the largest volume to date, the editors deal with virtually every aspect of administration of historical/cultural institutions, citing more than 2,400 sources in an annotated guide. Subjects include fund raising, management, taxes, law, insurance, governing boards, personnel practices, public relations, physical security, membership development, etc. A complete index aids easy access to the subject matter. Administrators of historical societies at the local, county, state, and national levels will want this reference guide on their desks.

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