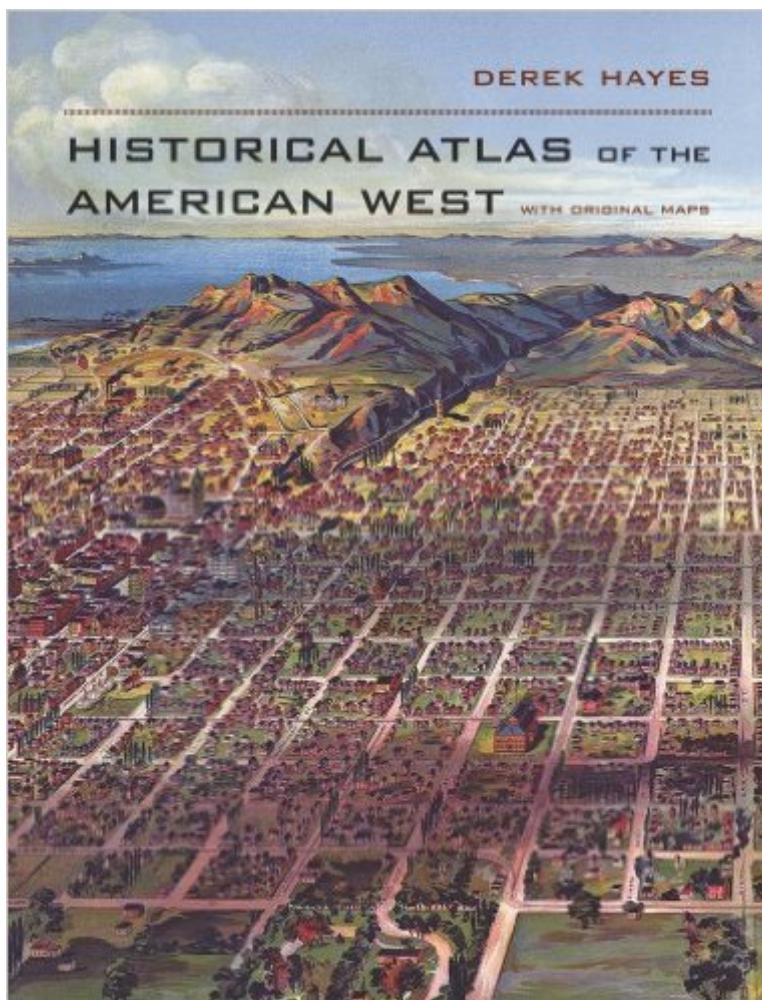


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This book, though excellent according to its true lights, is not an atlas of the US West. It's a book about the maps made of that region, profusely illustrated. A cartography fan would enjoy it, and *some* westward-expansion buffs. A star off because the title of this fine book is seriously misleading. You will *not* open this book and find an answer to a geographical or exploration question, although, if you sit and read it straight through, you may well hap on some valuable information relating to your interest in westward expansion. It should be titled: " European and Euro-American Cartography of what is now the United States."

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