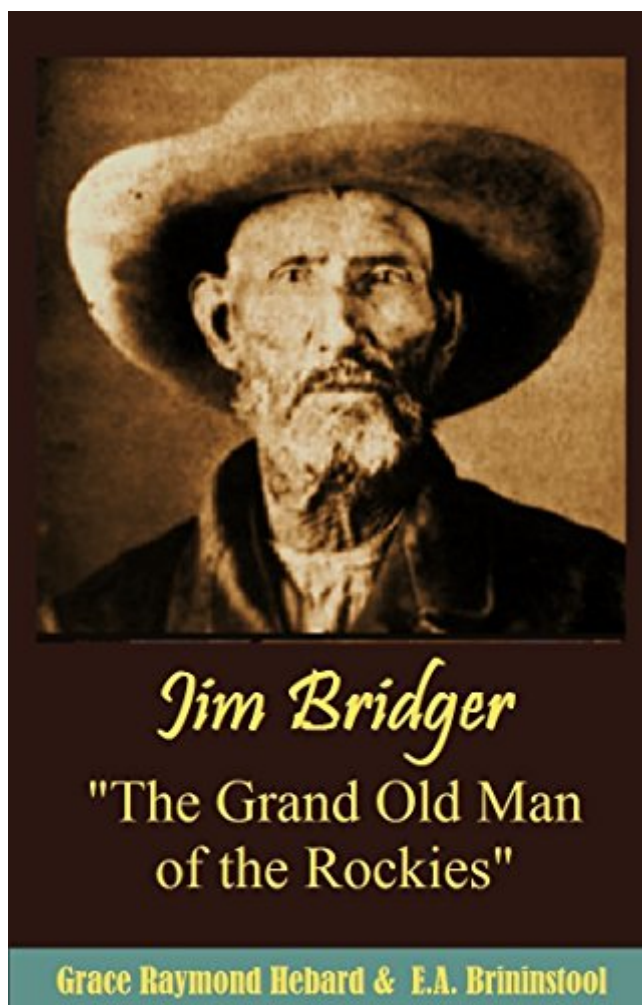


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Jim Bridger "The Grand Old Man Of The Rockies" (1922)



Synopsis

Jim Bridger may be most famous for being, as a youth, one of the two mountain men who abandoned famed trapper Hugh Glass after he had been mauled by a grizzly bear. It was Hugh's thoughts of revenge for this abandonment that fueled his recovery and eventual tracking down of the young Bridger. James Bridger, known as Jim Bridger (1804 – 1881), was among the foremost mountain men, trappers, scouts and guides who explored and trapped the Western United States during the decades of 1820 – 1850, as well as mediating between native tribes and encroaching whites. From inside the book: The western plains and mountains brought forth thousands of men noted for their valor, bravery, daring, sagacity, woodcraft, frontiersmanship and skill in guiding wagon trains and military expeditions across the trackless prairie and barren desert and through snow capped mountain fastnesses on the way to the land of gold beyond the setting sun, or in trailing and bringing to bay the savage hordes that sternly fought the advances of civilization; but among those dauntless spirits there was one who stood head and shoulders above all others as the greatest scout, trapper and guide, the most skilled frontiersman, and the quietest, most modest and unassuming prairie man in all the west. That person was James Bridger, Major Bridger, or, as he was more commonly and familiarly known, "old Jim Bridger," the "grand old man of the Rockies." No history of the American western frontier would be complete without a sketch of the life of this remarkable man.

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Great little book. It's a quick read but packed with interesting information. I read it before going to the Fort Bridger rendezvous this year.

This book is a well written biography of Jim Bridger. He was a genius with no formal education. This book has many first hand reports quotes of first hand reports. A great read.

Great history of the mountain man. These men opened up the frontier for our forefathers. Did no favors for the red man.

Bridger was respected by the hardest scouts and mountain men of the frontier. He had all the attributes written by Hollywood into characters who talk straight, act bravely and tell stories with a wink.

A great man about whom too little has been written.

very interesting on the life of a trapper

very interesting by helping me to learn more about leaders who help open up the gateway to the west

Well written and very informative. One could easily picture himself living in the era of Jim Bridger. Up to the very end of the book, there exist a rich history of our true west before the diluted accounts of Hollywood movies.

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