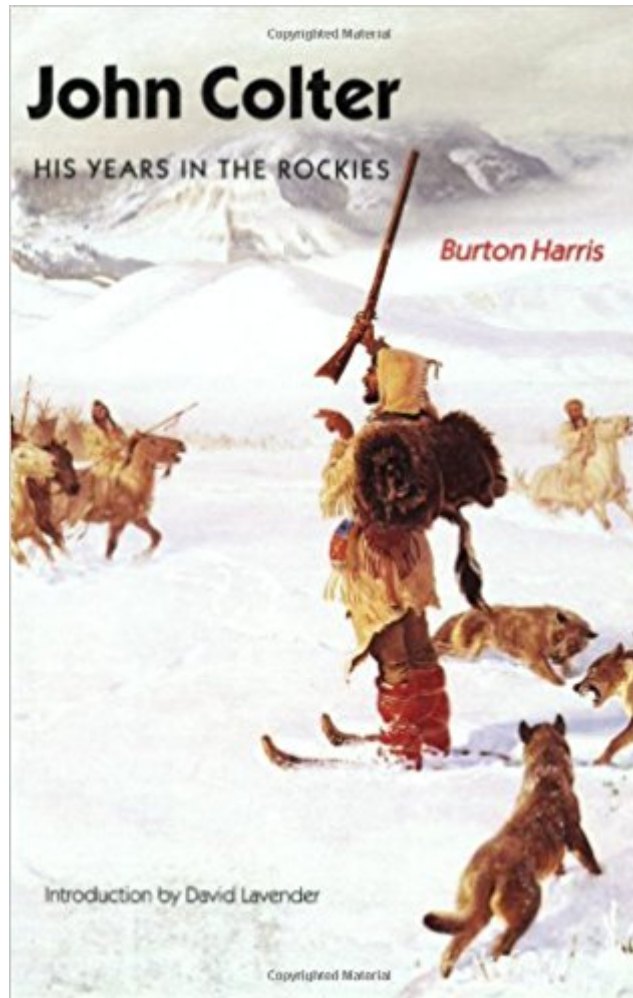




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Synopsis

John Colter was a crack hunter with the Lewis and Clark expedition before striking out on his own as a mountain man and fur trader. A solitary journey in the winter of 1807-8 took him into present-day Wyoming. To unbelieving trappers he later reported sights that inspired the name of Colter's Hell. It was a sulfurous place of hidden fires, smoking pits, and shooting water. And it was real. John Colter is known to history as probably the first white man to discover the region that now includes Yellowstone National Park. In a classic book, first published in 1952, Burton Harris weighs the facts and legends about a man who was dogged by misfortune and "robbed of the just rewards he had earned." This Bison Book edition includes a 1977 addendum by the author and a new introduction by David Lavender, who considers Colter's remarkable winter journey in the light of current scholarship.

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David Lavender is the author of Bent's Fort, One Man's West, Westward Vision: The Story of

the Oregon Trail, and California: Land of New Beginnings, also available as Bison Books.

It's common knowledge that there isn't much information on the life of John Colter. However, B Harris does a good job sorting the fact from fiction about one of the original Mountain Men. If one is into this genre, it's a good read.

Don't waste your money. Contains very little information about Colter. It mostly reiterates the Lewis and Clark expedition

A wonderful mountain man book.

bought this for my husband and he really liked the book

Very informative if not tedious. Full of facts and research information. Not a great story. Did I say tedious???

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