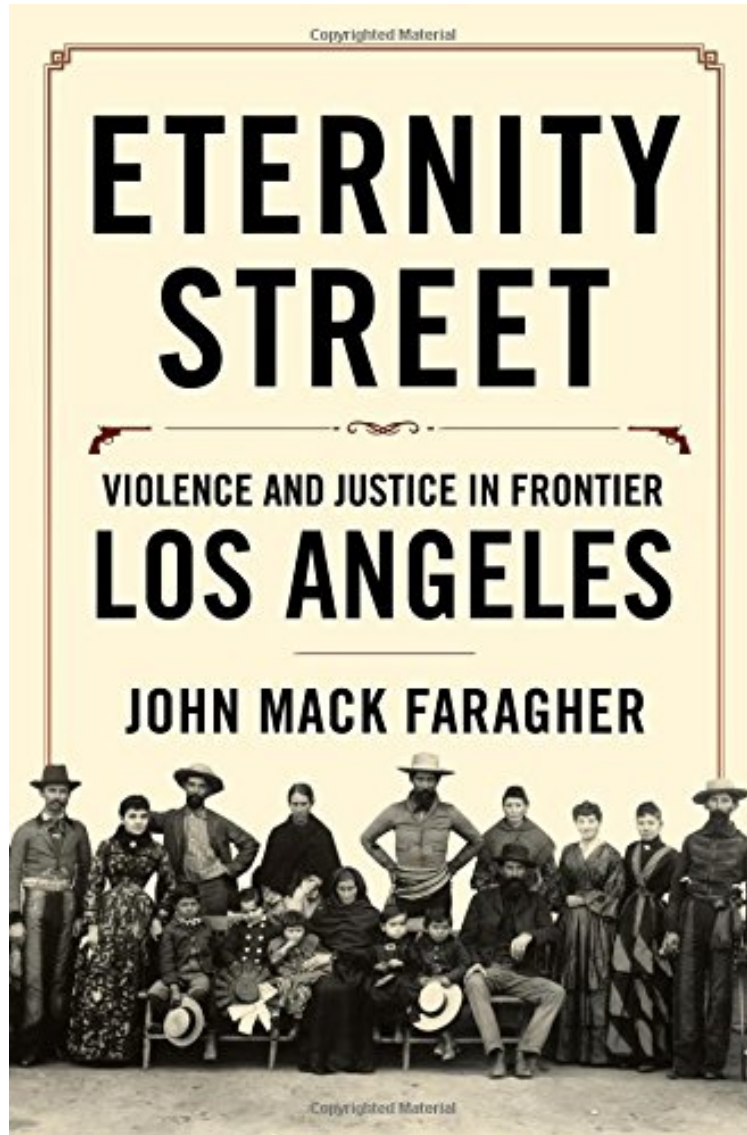


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**John Mack Faragher : Eternity Street: Violence and Justice in Frontier Los Angeles** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Eternity Street: Violence and Justice in Frontier Los Angeles:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Frontier/"Wild West" History of Los Angeles By Kevin Spangler Just finished Eternity Street. It was a very interesting read, and easy to follow as the story unfolds

chronologically. Living in the area brings the story that much closer to home since I knew where all of the places described were, or were approximately because the Orange/Los Angeles County areas are no longer rural and are totally built up now. Many of the Rancho Homes where events took place are still in existence, or have historical markers set out where they used to stand. The "Pueblo Of Los Angeles" is still here, although as a very reduced area around the original Plaza. There is a map of contemporary Los Angeles with all of the locations laid out on it, and also a map of LA/Orange County (Orange County was part of LA County during the time of the book) showing all of the places described. The history unfolds like a novel in this book and keeps you interested all the way through. It's hard to believe some of the events that took place in the 1850s-'60s in the area. The Sheriff and most of his Posse were shot down in 1857 for instance, leading to one of the largest manhunts ever in California. The outlaws who perpetrated this crime were hunted down, and those who didn't "stop lead" were "jerked to eternity" when caught. This book is better than any Western, and a lot more exciting because it's the truth. I picked up two other copies of this book to hand out as presents. I highly recommend Eternity Street to anyone interested in the Frontier/"Wild West" history of Los Angeles. It all happened out here in Los Angeles long before it happened in Dodge City, Abilene, Deadwood, or Tombstone. We just didn't hear about it as much until this book brought it all together in one history. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must Read for California history buffs! By Julie Mendelsohn I grew up in Los Angeles, and learning the history behind so many of her named streets was icing on the cake. The events between the various factions in the growth of Los Angeles is fascinating! A wonderful book! 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Must read for Los Angeles historians. By Robert L. Professor Faragher is a noted western historian. I am a person interested in the history of California and Los Angeles. This book is a must read for people interested in the history of Los Angeles from the 1830's to the 1870's. It is not a chronological history as such, but a number of stories about the people in southern California. The book focuses on the violence of this frontier community and the interpersonal relations of the people. It helps the reader understand how a community experienced and dealt with violence. Often a frustrated people who do not have an adequate justice system resort to vigilantism. The book tells these stories in a very readable style. For me, the book almost reads like a novel. It enriched the history of early Los Angeles for me. Buy it and enjoy the stories.

"John Mack Faragher is one fine writer, bringing early L.A. to life as the setting for all manner of horrific killings and gruesome justice. Eternity Street will keep you up at night ruminating on the roots of American violence." - Richard Wightman Fox, University of Southern California, author of *Lincoln's Body: A Cultural History* Eternity Street tells the story of a violent place in a violent time: the rise of Los Angeles from its origins as a small Mexican pueblo. In a masterful narrative, John Mack Faragher relates a dramatic history of conquest and ethnic suppression, of collective disorder and interpersonal conflict. Eternity Street recounts the struggle to achieve justice amid the turmoil of a loosely governed frontier, and it delivers a piercing look at the birth of this quintessentially American city. In the 1850s, the City of Angels was infamous as one of the most murderous societies in America. Saloons teemed with rowdy crowds of Indians and Californios, Mexicans and Americans. Men ambled down dusty streets, armed with Colt revolvers and Bowie knives. A closer look reveals characters acting in unexpected ways: a newspaper editor advocating lynch law in the name of racial justice; hundreds of Latinos massing to attack the county jail, determined to lynch a hooligan from Texas. Murder and mayhem in Edenic southern California. "There is no brighter sun...no country where nature is more lavish of her exuberant fullness," an Angeleno wrote in 1853. "And yet, with all our natural beauties and advantages, there is no country where human life is of so little account. Men hack one another to pieces with pistols and other cutlery as if God's image were of no more worth than the life of one of the two or three thousand ownerless dogs that prowl about our streets and make night hideous." This is L.A. noir in the act of becoming. 16 pages of illustrations

"Hugely readable ... Faragher is one of the great living American historians, and his area of expertise is the American frontier. His 1992 biography, "Daniel Boone: The Life and Legend of an American Pioneer," is a modern classic, and "Eternity Street" is destined to become one." - Allen Barra, *Chicago Tribune* "[A] fascinating account of the twisted threads of murder, ethnic violence and mob justice in 19th century Southern California. . . . The sheer power of these events. . . burn up these pages. . . . The insights gained may help dissect gang violence, drug violence, honor killings, witch killings ? even the unseen internal disputes of the various peoples subjected to recent counter-insurgency and state-building projects." - Jill Leovy, author of *Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America in the Los Angeles Times* "Eye-opening ... As you read, you may regret that *There Will Be Blood* was already taken, but Faragher's book is the ideal prequel to Paul Thomas Anderson's 2007 epic about SoCal's formative years in the early twentieth century." - Tom Carson, *Bookforum* "Groundbreaking ... if you read Professor Faragher's *Eternity Street* you will be enlightened to discover the violent story of the West?real and imagined?today's and yesterday's?begins and ends in Los Angeles." - Stuart Rosebrook, *True West Magazine* "Faragher's stories evoke Cormac McCarthy. In a grim but riveting narrative, languid preconceptions of Edenic California's birth give way to murder and mayhem, carnage and cruelty. *Eternity Street* describes human beings at their worst, but this is American history at its best." - Elizabeth Fenn, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Encounters at the Heart of the World* "Gripping and authoritative, this is a

masterwork of scholarship and literary grace. Faragher's dark portrait of L.A. pulls no punches and asks us to consider what grim DNA yet lurks in the City of Angels." - William Devereell, University of Southern California, author of *To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds* "In *Eternity Street*, John Mack Faragher has unearthed a blood-soaked history of nineteenth-century Los Angeles that blows away 'Wild West' fantasies. Faragher's masterwork should be read by all who wish to understand more about the violence that has shaped the American past." - Stephen Aron, UCLA, author of *The American West: A Very Short Introduction* "Through chilling anecdote and skilled storytelling, John Mack Faragher explores the experience of frontier violence for L.A.'s Mexican, Anglo, Indian, Black, and Chinese residents. This may just be the true origin story for L.A. noir." - Amy Greenberg, Penn State University, author of *A Wicked War* "Eternity Street will be an enduring landmark. Faragher's stories are not happy ones, but they are ones we need to remember if we hope to embrace the West's full history and cope with the legacy that continues to bedevil us." - Elliott West, University of Arkansas, author of *The Last Indian War* About the Author John Mack Faragher is the Howard R. Lamar Professor of History and American Studies at Yale University. He is the author of many books on the American frontier, including *Daniel Boone: The Life and Legend of an American Pioneer*, which received a Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and *A Great and Noble Scheme*.