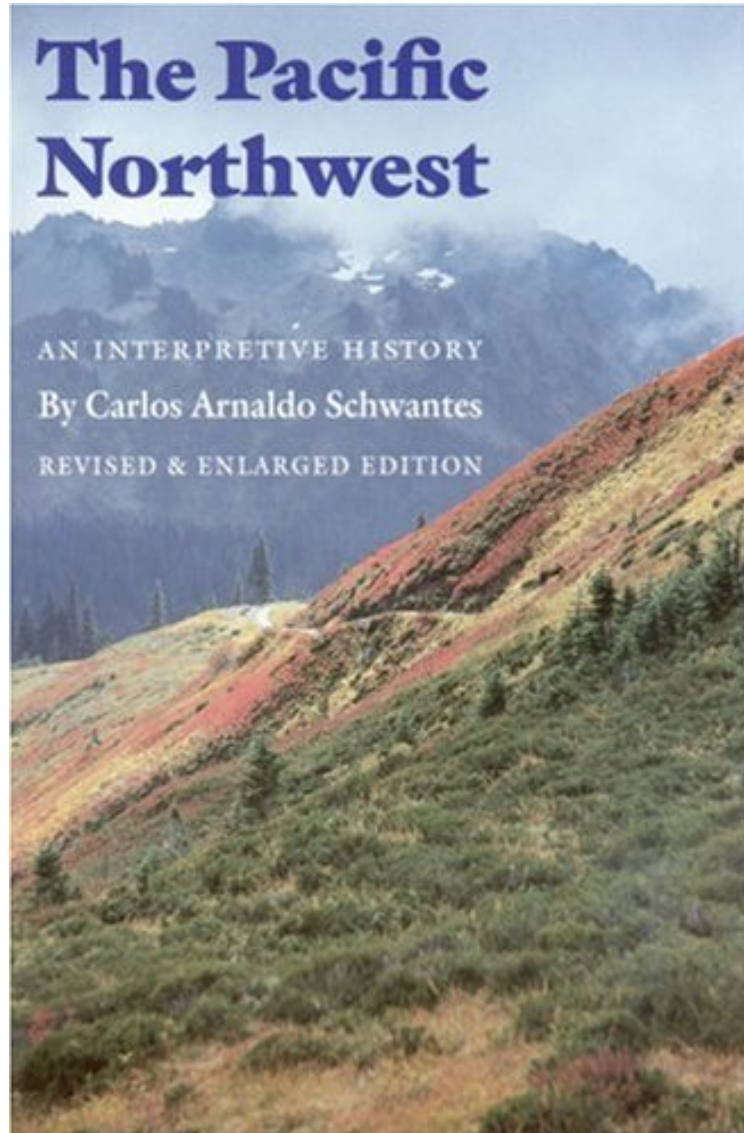


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History by Carlos Schwantes is one of the BEST texts in any area I've read in a LONG time. The length, at first,

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great overview of this region, well documented and indexed By George C.A comprehensive overview of the history of this region. The index helps make it a resource book to keep on the shelf. Several events are somewhat detailed, but leaves me wishing for more. This is expected and good. As an avid reader of history, there are in fact many good books written with the detail desired. This is a perfect jumping off place to look for those detailed, often first person, accounts. This history fairly covers all three states the author has chosen to include in his account of the Pacific Northwest. Well written and well documented. The many tables of historically significant facts are in every instance useful to the understanding. I was born in Idaho and mostly raised in Western Washington in the 40's and 50's before moving to Alaska in 1964. I returned to Idaho in 2011 and continue to read all I can about this region.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Walla Walla Comm College /Jackson A classic!

Carlos Arnaldo Schwantes has revised and expanded the entire work, which is still the most comprehensive and balanced history of the region. This edition contains significant additional material on early mining in the Pacific Northwest, sea routes to Oregon in the early discovery and contact period, the environment of the region, the impact of the Klondike gold rush, and politics since 1945. Recent environmental controversies, such as endangered salmon runs and the spotted owl dispute, have been addressed, as has the effect of the Cold War on the region's economy. The author has also expanded discussion of the roles of women and minorities and updated statistical information.

From Library Journal Schwantes surveys the economic and social history of the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho) from the time of the first white-Indian contact to 1987. He focuses on three major themes: economic development based on natural resources, the urbanization of society, and an increasing concern for the environment. The analysis is generally careful and the writing clear, but the chapters dealing with the 1890-1914 period are somewhat disjointed and contain some unsupported assertions, making it difficult to trace the course of Populism and Progressivism. Nevertheless, this is a useful survey and can be recommended for most collections. - Stephen H. Peters, Northern Michigan Univ. Lib., Marquette

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