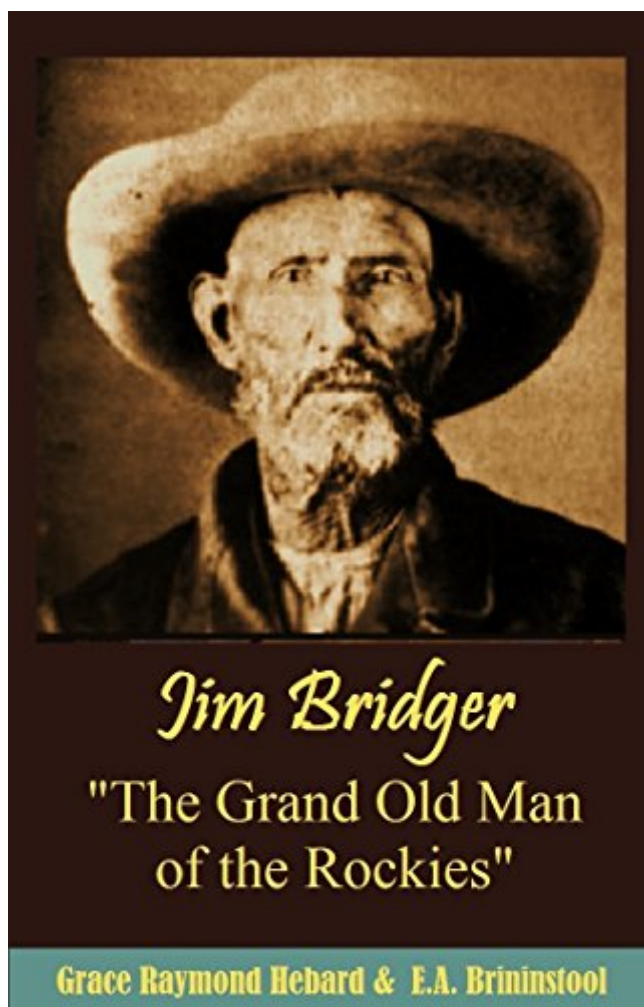


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Jim Bridger "The Grand Old Man Of The Rockies" (1922)



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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As an almost unknown, Jim Bridger was an important cog in the discovery and expansion of the United States towards the West. The story of his exploits and his contribution is what movies are made about. This is an easy read about an extraordinary American citizen of the nineteenth century

This was an excellent account mostly direct from pioneers of Bridger's generation and the next generation. He was the real deal who lived a very exciting life and was loved by everyone he interacted with in the wilderness.

The book and film "The Revenant" has brought Jim Bridger to the forefront again. However, to really learn about this interesting and brave man this book should be read. The "Mountain Man" who was the first white man to see the Great Salt Lake. This book also gives the reader information about this era of our history between the War of 1812 and the U. S. Civil War when these frontiersmen were breaking through the forests and gathering the knowledge which would allow future settlers to find their way West.

A good book. I live near a Jim Bridger school, but didn't until now, know anything about Mr. Bridger. The writing is good, and the subject is fabulous. The only criticism I can make of Mr. Bridger is that he seems at times to neglect his family. Even so, I call it a five star book. David Carlyle, "Billy Thomas."

An honest & credible look at a major figure of 19th century lore & the western frontier. Many anecdotal remembrances of people who personally knew and relied upon this mountainman & scout. The legend comes alive through the eyes of those who rode beside him.

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.

As you travel the western states you find places that either bare is name, or in the narrative there will be a reference to Jim Bridger. As written he was one person that help develop the west.

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