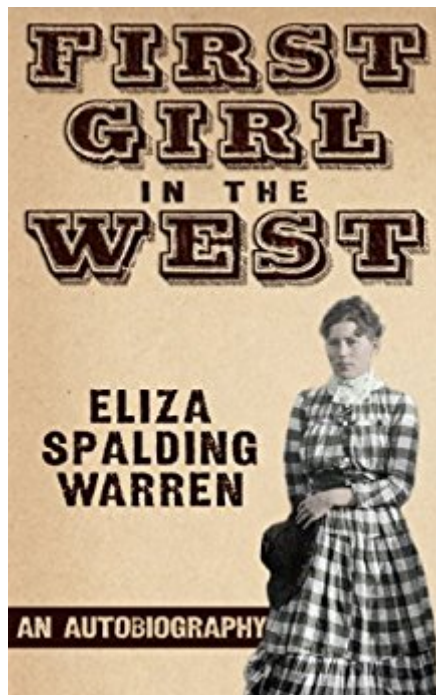


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First Girl In The West



Synopsis

Eliza Spalding Warren was the very first pioneer girl to grow up in the mountain west. Her story is unparalleled and offers fascinating insights into the earliest days of the emigrants.

Eliza's parents launched the Oregon Trail era with the original covered wagon trek in 1836.

Settling in the region that is now the junction of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, Eliza grew up among native peoples. She learned their language and understood their culture better than any pioneer girl of the era. Eliza was at the Whitman Mission on the day of the fateful attacks that so profoundly changed the course of western history. Her telling of that story is uniquely valuable even though she was just 10 years old because she was the only survivor who spoke the language of the attackers. This first-person account is an eye-opening look at life in the early West. Eliza's story is as fresh and readable today as the day it was written a rare example of a historic document that can still engage modern readers, even children. This enhanced edition adds dozens of photos, maps, graphics, and notes to the original manuscript. The bonus material provides a layer of context that gives readers deeper insight into her compelling story.

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Customer Reviews

This book, is condensation from an autobiography of Eliza Spalding from early childhood to her survival from a Cayuse Indian massacre. Eliza was born in 1837 in Idaho and her father, a missionary, moved them to Oregon among the Nez Perce and Cayuse Indians. The Nez Perce were friendly while the Cayuse society was based on war. Ten years later, in 1847, she was sent a few miles away to Dr. Whitman's school. A measles epidemic was decimating the Indians so the warring Cayuse blamed the missionaries and promptly murdered most of the adults at Whitman's school. Eliza and a few others were spared and held for ransom which was paid by some Whites. Eliza made it back home to be with her family. Shortly thereafter a posse rounded up the instigators of the massacre and hung them. The book is short and a quick read. By the year 1885 most Indians were on reservations; they were no longer a threat. Read "A Dakota Woman", 1886 for another view of the West.

Very short book with some amazing episodes and a thorough description of the Whitman Mission killings. Worth the read.

This is a first person account of interest to those who like true stories about pioneers, Christian missions, women and children's lives in early 1800s

Interesting first hand account from a child's perspective, although some of the details were altered in her recollection. The editors notes help clarify what she might not have known or didn't remember. Worth the read for a quick overview of life in the frontier times of the northwest.

Not what I expected. Almost as if it was written by someone who really wasn't there. A few interesting observations were noteworthy.

We read this on Kindle, and so the pictures were too small, but overall, enjoyed the book. It presents one major incident in the life of this girl, and portrays the Indians neither as blood-thirsty nor as "noble savages", but as individuals and groups with distinct personalities and values.

Always love stories of the pioneers and the Old West. Good Book for anyone interested in those days. Very Brave Girl

This book read more like an excerpt from a much larger better story. It really only touches on a few incidents from her life with comments from the researcher. I would skip this light weight version and go for the original diary.

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