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Snake River Reading List

- ❖ Cadillac Desert: The American West and its Disappearing Water, by Marc Reisner (Penguin Books). This is an enlightening and easy to read book about water politics in the West. It does not contain much about Idaho – but is still a must read – especially with the current debate over removing the four lower Snake River dams. **Highly recommended.**
- ❖ Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce, a poem by Robert Penn Warren (Random House, Inc.) Compact poem with history about Chief Joseph.
- ❖ Children of Grace, by Bruce Hampton, Henry, Holt Publishers, 1994 (out of print as of 3/98 – but in ROW founder, Peter Grubb’s opinion, one of the best! Look for it at used bookstores or try www.bibliofind.com. If you're only going to read book about the Nez Perce and the war of 1879, this is the one. **Highly recommended.** (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Ferryboats of Idaho, by James Huntley (1979). (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Home Below Hell’s Canyon, by Grace Jordan (University of Nebraska Press). A story by Grace Jordan who lived in Hells Canyon with her family in the 1930s. Interesting depiction of life as a homesteader.
- ❖ I Will Fight No More Forever, by Merril Beal (1966). A book about Chief Joseph and his tribe, the Nez Perce.
- ❖ Idaho Chinese Lore, by Sister M. Alfreda Elsensohn (Idaho Corporation of Benedictine Sisters and printed by The Caxton Printers, Ltd. In Caldwell, 1970). Try your local library. (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Idaho for the Curious: A Guide, by Cort Conley (Backeddy Books). This thick book is a great resource for the curious. Conley follows the roads and relates the natural and human history of the areas.
- ❖ Idaho Loners, by Cort Conley (Backeddy Books, 1994). An in-depth look into the lives of the hermits, solitaries and individualists that shaped Idaho’s history. Fun, intriguing, biographical reading. **Highly recommended. Available through ROW for \$28 postpaid.**
- ❖ Indians of Idaho, by Deward E. Walker Jr. (University Press of Idaho).
- ❖ Islands & Rapids, by Tracy Vallier (Confluence Press, Lewis & Clark State College, 1998). A geologic story of Hells Canyon. It tells the story of the canyon’s geologic evolution and includes a mile-by-mile guide to the major geologic features from Oxbow, Oregon to the confluence of the Snake and Grande Ronde Rivers. A must read for all guides. **Highly recommended. Available through ROW for \$20 postpaid.**
- ❖ Myths of the Idaho Indians, by Deward E. Walker Jr. (University Press of Idaho, 1982). (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Nez Perce Coyote Tales, by D. Walker (University of Oklahoma Press, 1994).
- ❖ Rivers of the West - A Guide to the Geology & History, by Elizabeth L. Orr & William N. Orr. (Out of print, available online)

- ❖ Roadside Geology of Idaho, by David D. Alt and Donald W. Hyndman (Mountain Press Publishing Company, 1989). Few states pack so many different rocks into such a small area as Idaho, the book covers this unique occurrence in an exciting geologic story.
- ❖ Roadside History of Idaho, by Betty Derig (Mountain Press Publishing Co., 1996). “The best way to enjoy Idaho’s rich heritage is to visit the sites where history happened”. This book transports you to those places through well-researched, well-told text and vivid historical photographs.
- ❖ Salmon And His People, by Dan Landeen and Allen Pinkham. (Confluence Press, Lewis & Clark State College, 1999). Fish & Fishing in Nez Perce Culture, illustrated with 200 color photographs as well as dozens of historic images to chronicle the importance of fish and fishing to the Nez Perce people. This books give you a real sense of how important the Salmon were and are to the Nez Perce. **Highly recommended.** (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Snake River Of Hells Canyon, by Johnny Carrey, Cort Conley, and Ace Barton (Backeddy Books, 1978). This is probably the best book to deepen one’s appreciation of Hells Canyon and the Snake River. **Available through ROW for \$20 postpaid.**
- ❖ Snake River: Window to the West, by Tim Palmer (Island Press). This book is entertaining and well written. It is both a personal account of a river trip and a discussion of policy affecting the Snake River. If you are interested in the development of hydroelectric projects on the Snake, read this book. (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Snake: The Plain And Its People, by Todd Shallat (Boise State University, 1995). This books explores the physical and ecological roots of Idaho civilization through science, social science, photography and art.
- ❖ Sources of the River, by Jack Nisbet (Sasquatch Books, 1994) Jack re-creates the life and times of David Thompson – fur trader, explorer, surveyor, and mapmaker who blazed the way West before Lewis and Clark. As a result of adding his own observations Jack has created a fascinating story of two men discovering the Northwest Territory almost two hundred years apart. (Author Jack Nisbet lives in Spokane and has traveled the Missouri River as a ROW interpretive guest.) **Highly recommended.** (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ The Biography of a Grizzly, by Ernest Thompson Seton (University of Nebraska Press, 1987). Seton wrote over 60 books around the turn of the century and was the main person to bring to Western consciousness the idea of wild animals having personalities and character, sharing life struggles similar to humans. This book is the story of the life of a grizzly cub who grows up alone in the mountains of northwestern Wyoming. **Highly recommended.** (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ The Education of Little Tree, by Forrest Carter (University of New Mexico Press, 1976). The true story of a Cherokee boy’s unique education in the 1930’s. A wonderful book that shows the stark contrast between the values, awareness and relationship with nature of the Indians versus those of white people. **Highly recommended.**
- ❖ The River Reader, by John A. Murray (The Lyons Press, 1998). A collection of writings that is composed of both classic selections and contemporary writings from twenty-two diverse writers that are devoted to a single environmental subject.
- ❖ The Story of Hells Canyon, by Gerald J. Tudker (Sheep Creek Publishing) (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ The Weiser Indians: Shoshoni Peacemakers, by Hank Corless (The Caxton Printers, Ltd., 1996). “This book documents Indian-white relations in the southwestern Idaho during the time of initial white encroachment onto Indian lands. It also offers a perspective on all native peoples of the northern Great Basin”. Besides that it illustrates the daily life and culture of an Idaho Indian tribe around the time of the first settlement of Idaho by white people. **Highly recommended. Available through ROW for \$18 postpaid** (Out of print, available online)
- ❖ Thunder in the Mountains: The Story of the Nez Perce Wars, by Ronald K. Fisher (Alpha Omega Publishers.)

- ❖ Undaunted Courage, by Stephen Ambrose (Simon & Schuster, 1996). **A must read!** A poignant human drama of Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West. This book is one of the main reasons so many people are intrigued by the Lewis and Clark story. **Highly recommended.**

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