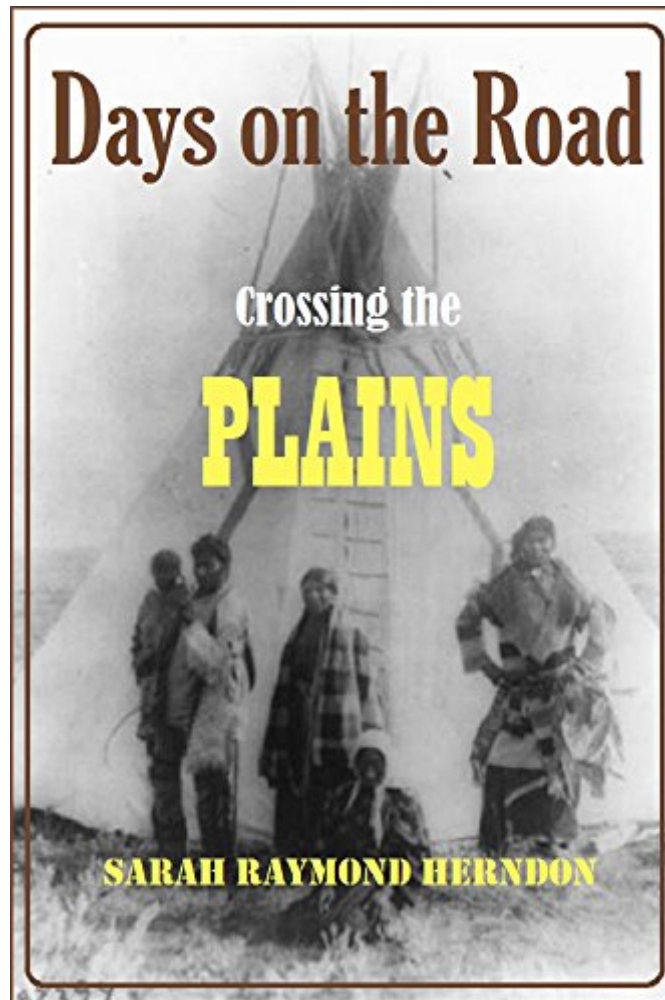




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Customer Reviews

EXCELLENT! Educated woman with wisdom as well. Well written. Wish she'd shared more, but what she did share is well worth the reading. First person, original writings.

Days On The Road: Crossing The Plains In 1865 is a very good read. The young author includes enough geographical detail that one can plot the trip. Most of the trip was on well known (at the time) trails with bumper to bumper (wagon to wagon?) traffic at the time. The weather, Indians, sickness, and accidents are all very real dangers on the road. She also describes some leisure time such as putting up swings during stops near large cottonwood trees and climbing Elk Mountain. The author writes of seeing homesick Confederate prisoners of war serving as Union cavalry fighting Indians out west. She does not mention news that the war is over although I think that news should have reached them during the trip.

5/1/1865, Sarah Raymond Herndon (24), Dick, Cash, Mr. Kerfoot, Mrs. Kerfoot, Neelie, (Cornelia), Sittie (Henrietta), Sim Buford, Ezra, Frank, Winthrop, Emma, & Delia were in the wagon train. 5/12/1865, it was Brother Hillhouse birthday. The funeral services for Mr. Milburn were held at the Presbyterian Church. He was buried shortly after. Other loaded down wagon trains would come join & then go their own ways. So far there had been no problems with the Indians. 7/4/1865, at Fremont's Orchard the Lathan's Ferry was taken. Next stop the La Porte corral in the Black Hills. At Rock Creek, the Indians had killed several travelers. Dr. Fletcher (Walker's stepbrother) is in love with Ms. Sallie. Hosstetter was arrested for Frasier's murder & taken to Port Bridger for trial. For some the final destination Virginia City. Others will move on & branch out. I did not receive any type of compensation for reading & reviewing this book. While I receive free books from publishers & authors, I am under no obligation to write a positive review. Only an honest one. A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written Civil War era (journal) book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great Civil War era movie, or better yet a mini TV series. A very easy rating of 5 stars. Thank you for the free author; EBookDaily; Enhanced Media Publishing; Digital Services LLC.; bookTony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

It was a wonderful story, written through the author's daily chronicles. A little more context at the start by an editor, who the players are and why the family lacked a husband/father, would have been helpful insights to many of the perspectives shared. The other thing that would have made it excellent was an attempt, in republishing the daily reports, to pinpoint where they were en route,

and especially a map or two. Still, it's very nice reading for a couple days, and nice to hear about one pioneer family that got through without serious incident.

An interesting Story, but pretty repetitious which I am sure there life was. It lacked a lot of detail that could be filled in. I would have given us a better picture of the area that was traveled by many in search of a better life. I know I could not have been as consistent at keeping my diary so feel she had a plus there. I am not sorry I read this book, but felt a little more could have been added to let us know the terrain, about their foods and hardships felt by a young single girl who is supporting her family to give up the lives they lived and to find a place of their own to build and invest in while helping to establish the west. I did appreciate their love and faithfulness to their religion.

This is a well written story of a family moving west. They met several families in the wagon train which they, in their travel, became close to. The biggest problem was the oxen who were slower moving than a team of horses. I felt like I was traveling with them day by day because of the way the author wrote the happening each day. Some families had it harder than others because they didn't know what to expect on the trail to be ready for such a long trip. Why did the Indians stay away from the wagon train that had the pipes showing from the organ? No one gave it a thought until the Captain from the post told them why the Indians wouldn't come near them.

Always enjoy reading of an adventure by someone who kept a journal and could relate to others what they had seen and heard. Crossing the plains in a wagon was hard dard for a man so I expect it was especially difficult for women. Not all made it to the end, some got sick, others lost sight of their dream and went back home. There was always new sights to see, mountains to climb and rivers to cross. A good book to read for those who love adventure for this one is full of it from start to end.

Really enjoyed this book. I would totally lose myself in all the descriptions of sights, smells, the good times, the times when they were terrified of getting attacked by Indians. Felt like I was traveling along with them.

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