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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Recommended for Native American Mormon History studies.By Midwest Book ReviewThe Trial Of Don Pedro Leon Lujan is an explication of data surrounding a controversial Indian slave trading case in 1851 in Utah. Sondra Jones presents a corrected picture of the issues of slave trading and Indian slave trade in the West, specifically the Four Corners area. The complexities underlying this historic trial are revealed in a vigorous review of documents and evidence relating to the trial. Findings are contradictory and contrary to cultural assumptions of the stereotypic corrupt Mexican slaver's guilt. Mormon tendencies to intrigue, slave trade involvement, and racial prejudice figure heavily in the sequence of events. To answer the question, Was this a fair trial and how would the history of Indian (and other) slavery have been different were it otherwise, read on. Much that is surprising in this history review will arise, causing a rethinking of some of the known racist tendencies of the dominant culture. This could not have been an easy book to write. This book will be of interest to Mormon history scholars as well as Native American and perhaps mesoamerican studies.Nancy Lorraine, Reviewer

Jones, an instructor at Utah Valley State College, explores and corrects historians' errors surrounding the trial of Pedro Leon Lujan of New Mexico for Indian slave trading in the Utah Territory. She examines the case and the clashing racial, cultural, and religious beliefs and biases that characterized it, looking at Mormon policy and doctrine

concerning black and Indian slavery and indenture. Includes bw photos of the region, and historical photos and portraits of natives and key figures. Also includes documents, and a chronology of compulsory Indian labor laws.

"Jones has made an important contribution to the history of the American West, filling a serious gap in mid-nineteenth century scholarship on the Four Corners region." -- Gregory C. Thompson, Marriott Library, University of Utah.
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