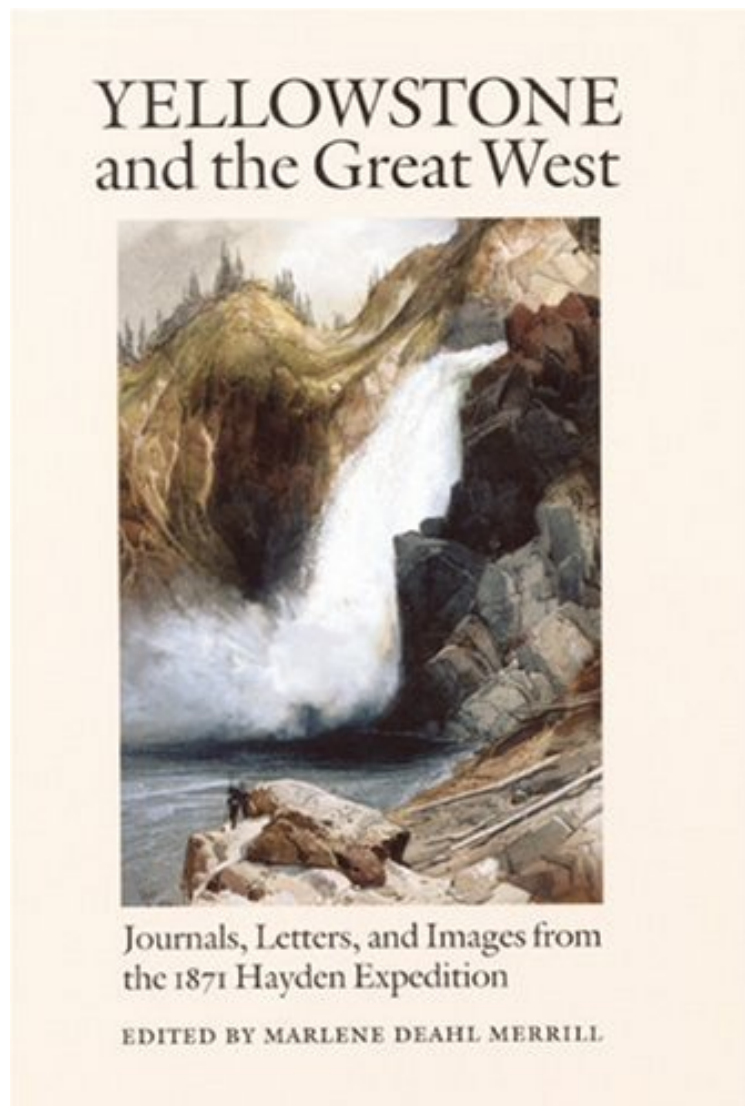


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From *Library Journal*: After the Lewis and Clark expedition, several scientific junkets searched the West, noting mineral deposits, mapping rivers, identifying agricultural lands, and surveying possible railroad routes. Geologist Ferdinand V. Hayden led several expeditions, including one in 1871 to survey the Yellowstone Basin that included photographer William Henry Jackson and artist Thomas Moran. In this volume, historian Merrill (*Growing Up in Boston's Gilded Age: The Journal of Alice Stone Blackwell, 1872-1874*) weaves together field writings of lesser-known expedition members Albert Peale and George Allen, who recorded day-to-day activities, failures as well as successes, and personal reactions not found in Hayden's official reports. Excellent editing and extensive notes make this an important contribution to our knowledge of life in the 19th-century Rocky Mountain West. Recommended for most libraries, especially those with Western American collections. A. Patricia Ann Owens, Wabash Valley Coll., Mt. Carmel, IL Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From *Booklist*: In 1871, Ferdinand Hayden led a scientific expedition through Utah, Idaho, and Montana territories to the Yellowstone Basin. The expedition gathered critical information on the flora, fauna, and geology of the region and led to the establishment of Yellowstone as our first national park. Merrill, a historian and documentary editor at Oberlin College, has compiled the field writings of three expedition members, letters from unpublished journals, and expedition drawings and photographs. The result is a comprehensive and often fascinating view of the vastness and splendor of the West as seen through the eyes of men who regarded it with a mixture of awe and clinical attention to detail. This enlightening and stimulating collection is effective as a work of history and as a travelogue. Jay Freeman "The US government's surveys of the American West rank among the great scientific endeavours of the nineteenth-century. In assessing the American frontier's potential for commercial development, these surveys were a form of applied science with a government subsidy. Their achievements in geology, palaeontology, cartography and other fields put them among the most influential scientific institutions of the period. Of all these forays to the West, the 1871 expedition by geologist Ferdinand Hayden to the Yellowstone country has left perhaps the most visible legacy... Those wanting to know about Yellowstone at the time it became a national park have long relied on Hayden's official reports. Now that body of work has an important supplement... Merrill's editing is superb. In 47 pages of endnotes, she integrates the journals with historical and scientific scholarship about Yellowstone and the American West... Nobody who seeks a deeper understanding of Yellowstone's natural systems as they were in 1871, or how nineteenth-century science was yoked to westward expansion, should miss this remarkable piece of editing and scholarly reconstruction."--*Nature*, 3 August 2000