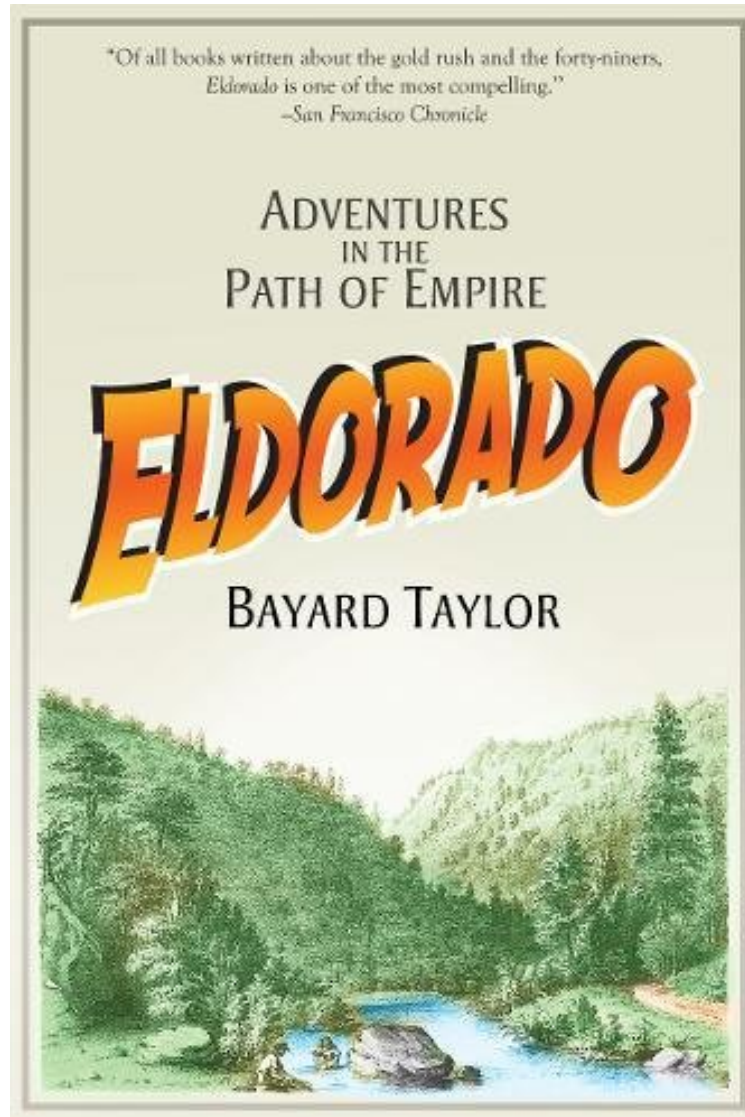


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. To the California gold rush and back with a great writerBy Joe DavisTaylor vividly describes his trip by ship to Panama, his trek across the jungle to the Pacific, and his arrival in San Francisco which was exploding with building to serve would-be miners. He travels to the gold fields, describing the beauty of California in its undeveloped state. But he was nearly eaten alive by mosquitos and fleas. He describes the organization of mining and helps conduct the first elections. He returns home overland across Mexico alone by

mule part of the way to Veracruz. Robbed by bandits. Great description of places and people throughout the trip. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Despite the horrible cover art By Brian from los angeles Despite the horrible cover art, this is a gem of a first-person account of an epic trip in 1848. Intelligent and visceral, you can "see" the scenes as Mr Taylor describes once-in-history scenes. Should be required reading for every high school sophomore. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This has a "you are there quality"! By Carol K. Page The other reviewers covered the fact that this has a wonderful, readable quality. It certainly is that, and a good historical reference as well. The author was hired to send dispatches about California as he saw it. (I was looking for info about the Constitutional Convention. Taylor was in Monterey for that, and he describes members and what they wore, how and where they met and some of the outcomes of the convention. The description of the party after it was accepted is terrific.) One realizes how primitive it was, so far removed from the East Coast and how they made the effort to provide a "civilized" presentation. Taylor's adventures to California and back to New York also make one realize how brave and intrepid the 49ers were. Highly recommended as a good book to read. You will definitely learn something from this as well!!

A journalist's eyewitness account of the explosive 1849 California gold rush and his travels through Mexico. In 1849, a young, wide-eyed reporter from New York ventured West not to seek riches, but to report on the madness and exuberance of the California gold rush. Sent by Horace Greeley, a highly respected New-York Tribune editor, twenty-four-year-old Bayard Taylor traveled through Panama to reach his final destination, San Francisco, which he described as an amphitheatre of fire in the night, gleaming with the promise of gold and progress. In his enthralling and robust narrative, Bayard brings the reader into the wild, lush world of early California, reporting on the nearly overnight growth of townships and infrastructure after the gold rush. During his adventures, Bayard walked one hundred miles from San Francisco to Monterey, and later returned to New York via Mexico by foot, mule, and coach. Bayard describes the characters he met with an honest curiosity: heady gold miners who had once been doctors and lawyers, hospitable Mexicans from all classes of society, and even a highway robber who made off with his books. Eldorado, which borrows its title from the South American Spanish legend of a hidden land of gold, is a magnificent tale about the birth of California from a deserted land to a modern city sprawl. At once an account of history and of one man's thrilling adventures, Eldorado transports the reader to the beginning of an era, with all its gold, glitz, and glamour. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

"With his keen eye and penchant for details, Taylor bestowed upon these tumultuous and anarchistic times an almost cinematic quality. Writing as he traveled, he managed to combine a sense of the poetic with straightforward historical documentation, underpinned with a wry sense of humor.... Widely regarded as a classic of western literature, Taylor's lively chronicle of the birth of modern California has lost nothing in terms of its initial freshness and vitality in the interim." --Rain Taxi of Books "Of all books written about the Gold Rush and the Forty-Niners, Eldorado is one of the most compelling narratives.... A California version of the Federalist Papers." --The San Francisco Chronicle About the Author Bayard Taylor was born in 1825 in Pennsylvania. A relentless writer, he began reading at age four and writing poems at seven. After an apprenticeship with a printer, Taylor approached Horace Greeley of the New-York Tribune and proposed that the newspaper finance his trip to Europe in return for travel letters, which he would later publish as Views A-Foot (1846). After the publication of Eldorado in 1850, Taylor continued to travel the world, becoming secretary of the US delegation in Russia. A few months after being appointed American Minister to Germany, he died at the age of 53 in Berlin, Germany.