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that to reach the next valley which is La Grande and the Grand Ronde valley. There is a beautiful historical center at Baker which is all about the history of the Oregon Trail. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the history of the migration. All school children should read it. The struggles these folks went thru to find their dreams will make them shudder. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating and engaging story  
By M. Ellis  
Having just moved to Oregon, I wanted to know more about the Oregon trail. I loved this book. It is a historical novel and really describes not only the hardships of the trail but also the vast country, diversity of both pioneers and native people and the social and political conditions of the time. I could not put his book down and was sorry when it ended. Compelling characters, lots of adventure and intrigue and great descriptions. Looking forward to learning more about Oregon history and visiting some of the sites mentioned on the book. A great read.

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About the Author  
Boston-born Francis Parkman (1823-1893), whose most famous books are "The Oregon Trail" and "France and England in North America," was a renowned American historian and leading horticulturalist. He was briefly a Professor of Horticulture at Harvard University's Bussey Institution (his successor at Harvard was Charles Sprague Sargent, creator and head of the Arnold Arboretum for more than 50 years) and the President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. In the 1850s, he purchased land bordering Jamaica Pond for his summer home. Today, the Francis Parkman Memorial sits near the former site of the house, while Francis Parkman Drive runs through the former location of his rose garden.