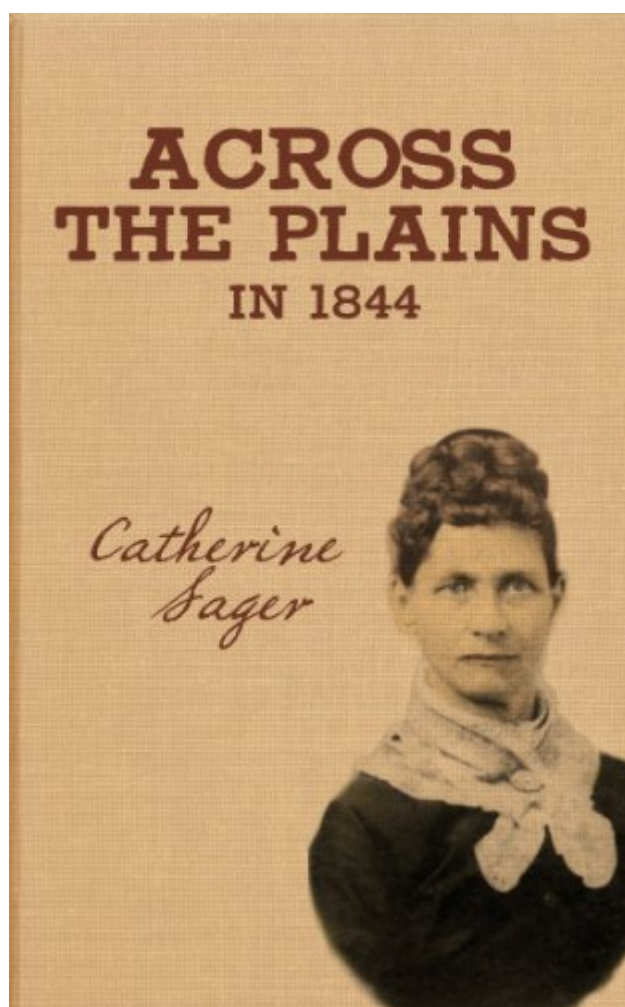


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Across The Plains In 1844



Synopsis

Catherine Sager's story is among the most gripping firsthand accounts of life in the American west ever written. This enhanced version of her original manuscript adds explanatory notes, photos, maps, drawings, and 3d visualizations. The bonus material adds a layer of context to make Sager's fascinating account even more vivid. Catherine Sager faced almost unimaginable hardship: both her parents died on the journey west on the Oregon Trail; a few years later her adoptive parents were brutally murdered before her eyes. She was even kidnapped and held for ransom. Yet Catherine was a survivor, and she lived a long life in Oregon. Her accounts of life on the Oregon Trail and the Whitman Massacre remain important historical documents. At the same time, she is an excellent writer who knows how to engage the reader.

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Customer Reviews

My great, great grandmother was Catherine Sager. I grew up with her story. I have copies of her original writings about what happened. My understanding is that this is a copy of her original journal which she wrote as an adult about what happened to her. My grandfather, whom I lived with as a child, knew Catherine, his grandmother, personally, so his stories of her added to my understanding

of her and her life. Please, please, do not read "On to Oregon, by Honre Morrow to try to get the true story. Even though the writer interviewed the then living granddaughters to get the true story, the book she wrote is mostly fiction. Although, if you read Catherine's own words, you will see how exciting and dramatic the real story is, Ms. Morrow chose to make up events to add to the drama quotient. My family fought it publication from the first. Unfortunately, it is the false, more dramatic account that later writers have chosen to use. The movie "Seven Alone" did this. Even my 8th grade history textbook chose to use Morrow's account to tell the Sager Children story. My 8th grade history class was pleased to be able to hear me read the real Catherine's account. We all learned a good lesson that day, never trust only one history source. I have ordered this kindle account, am looking forward to reading it. Ken Burn's PBS series, "The Oregon Trail", has an accurate accounting.

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Footnotes/ Endnotes: There are Editor's Notes
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5 Stars
Obviously, this is not a full length book. I have, and have read the full length book, The Whitman Massacre of 1847 by Catherine, Elizabeth, & Matilda Sager. This is what I would call a companion piece. The Sager children (there were 7) were survivors, one and all. At least as long as they lived, and were all adopted by the Whitmans. The two boys, Francis and John were killed in the massacre, and the youngest died of the measles shortly thereafter. This story is primarily about the Whitman Massacre. Anyone interested in the history will find this book well written, well presented, and a good read.

The Kindle catalog is littered with free and cheap public domain primary sources. But most of these are hastily scanned and tossed up without a careful proofreading, any concern for formatting, or any meaningful editorial supplement. This edition refreshingly breaks with that custom. The text is clean and well formatted. The editor has inserted the occasional useful and informative editorial comment, and also added maps and images which enhance the narrative. Add to this the fact that Catherine Sager is exceptionally literate and has a compelling story to tell, and you have a short but outstanding ebook very much worth its bargain price.

Short account but an eyewitness account that is priceless. Dang, those were tough people. You read something like this and realize that our soft society would collapse if you pricked it with a cocktail fork. Our kids can't tolerate a little gluten. These people had to overcome things like seeing their parents murdered before their eyes, starvation, filth, untreated illness, daily terrors and still

persevered and lived out their lives.

Catherine Sager does a good job with her journal of the families trip across to Oregon and the Whitman Mission. Such a tragic trip for this family who lost, mother, father, and then siblings in the Massacre at the Whitman Mission. The Cayuse Indians had an uprising against the Whitman's when measles were brought in to them from pioneers coming into the Mission. Although she skims over the trip west, this book is mostly about their time at the Mission and the end results of the Indians revenge on the Mission folks. A good read would be On To Oregon which tells the story of the Sagers trip to Walla Walla.

This is a very good book. I read it all at one sitting due to it is nota very long book and I could not put it down. This is a very sad account of life back then. The dangers and struggles were unbelievable . I just can't even imagine what it would have been like to live back then. I would say it is a blessing to live now rather than the 1800s.

I liked this book, I found it very interesting the trials that Ms. Sager had gone through. I think it would have been nice to have had more informative footnotes to some of the things that she went through - especially the story of the massacre.

I found this short narrative to be quite interesting and very insightful as to the life of an early settler. This book is written from the remembrances of a youngster who was dealt a severe hand as were many who decided to venture west on the Oregon Trail. A quick read, this book is well worth your time and money!

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