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At The End Of The Santa Fe Trail



Synopsis

At the End of the Santa Fe Trail, first published in 1932 (and reprinted in 1948), is Sister Blandina Segale's account of her life in the southwestern U.S. from 1872 to 1892. Sister Blandina (1850-1941), born in Italy and emigrating with her family to Cincinnati when she was a child, worked with the poor, the sick, immigrants, prisoners, and Native Americans while in Trinidad, Colorado, and in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico (and later in Ohio). The book is based in large part on her journal and on the letters she exchanged with her sister Justina, who was also a religious sister in Ohio. At a time when lawlessness and brutality were the norm, Sister Blandina displayed courage, tough-mindedness, and a deep religious faith in service to the less-fortunate. Recent efforts have been made by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe to have Sister Blandina made a saint, and in November 2015, the Archdiocese closed its inquiry and will present its findings to the Vatican for review and verification. Included in this new edition from Pathfinder Books are the original Author's Note and Foreword from the 1932 book, and Chapter Notes and Bibliography from the 1948 edition.

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Customer Reviews

"A small classic in the category of eyewitness accounts." -- Marc Simmons --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Marc Simmons is considered New Mexico's historian laureate and has published over forty books on New Mexico history. Simmons is a former Woodrow Wilson Fellow, a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, and in 1993 the King of Spain granted him membership in the knightly Order of Isabela

la Católica for his contributions to Spanish colonial history. He resides in Cerrillos, New Mexico.

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I enjoyed reading *The End of the Santa Fe Trail*, Sr. Blandina was refreshing in the story as she was writing about her life in the West to her sister in Ohio. The times were rough and yet she survived and brought so much to life in southern Colorado and New Mexico. She was a great woman, I am glad that her book is still in print for all to read. If you a history buff, it is a must read.

Having grown up in Old Town Albuquerque, I enjoyed and related to this book very much

This book was so unexpectedly good. Well written and quick to read.

A great story and a good read.

An engaging, entertaining look life on the Southwestern frontier by a fearless, woman of God, who served him through people and won over Billy the Kid with her charity.

It's thrilling to read a first person account of early New Mexico and thank you for publishing it. On the down side, there are so many typos that it isn't possible that an English speaking/reading human proofread this book. This book was not "meticulously reviewed."

Fascinating insight into mid-19th century NM by a fearless and quick witted woman. Some great stories! The writing is a bit uneven, Blandina is clearly experimenting with style. Unforgettable!

Great book about the courage of the early pioneers settling in the West. Sister Blandina was remarkable in her efforts to spread the word of God under very trying circumstances. It's no wonder that she is up for sainthood.

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