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New Mexico is a single volume presentation of the fascinating succession of events and characters that make up our state's past. This revision of the 1988 edition takes the reader to the opening years of the twenty-first century. What they said about the earlier edition: "New Mexico covers a lot of ground. . . . It's chock-full of little known facts and fascinating anecdotes that give fresh perspective to the past." --New Mexico Magazine "We can recommend that every library place this book on the reading shelf and if possible place a copy on the reference shelf." --Rota-Gene

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"An engaging, even-handed introduction to the state, worth seeking out by newcomers and natives alike." --New Mexico Magazine

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I tend to agree with some of the other reviewers saying this book badly needed some editing. I had to pick it up for my New Mexico History course. It had a lot of things in it that were fine. But there were also times where it felt like things were being stretched in a way that wasn't particularly substantive. Like they wrote a first draft of it and noticed, "Huh, my book's not even 200 pages long. Well, that's not a very respectable book. Let's pad it out with some fluff." And in the end, they arrived at a pretty paltry 210-ish pages that was padded out. I still give it 3 stars because it gave me a lot of

the info I needed, even if I had to wade past fluff and filler to find it. Also, it was at least reasonably priced compared to most books I've had to buy for college. I mean, it would've been so much worse if I'd had to pay more for it.

Riddled with grammatical and punctuation errors, this book does not strike me as an educational book. If you are reading this review, you have Internet access, which means you could go to Wikipedia and get the same information without the filler that makes up most of this book. I had to buy it for a class, and still found it a waste of money, luckily I bought it used for about ten bucks. I live in new mexico and was raised here. I've been taking NM history since for 12 years, and this has been the worst textbook I've had to endure yet.

Passed the book onto a friend.

ordered this book for history class

While I wouldn't go so far as one star, this book does seriously need some editing. Clunky, confusing, and outright incorrect grammar and punctuation riddle the book from start to finish. For instance, sentences in the book just like this one predominately do not include a comma after "for instance." So backwards was grammar that I would occasionally have to reread sentences constructed like this one. Otherwise, I think the content gives a decent overview of New Mexico history and is fine as an introductory book, if you can stand the errors.

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