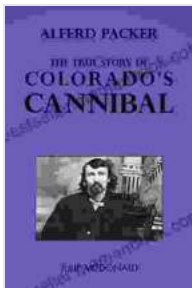


The True Story of Colorado Cannibal "Fun" Western History

The story of Alferd Packer is one of the most bizarre and gruesome in Colorado history. Packer was a prospector who led a group of men into the mountains in search of gold in 1873. The group became lost and stranded in the snow. Over a period of several weeks, the men began to die. Packer, desperate to survive, began to eat the bodies of his companions.



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The Lost Cannibals

Alferd Packer was born in Pennsylvania in 1842. He moved to Colorado in 1858, where he worked as a miner and prospector. In 1873, Packer organized a group of five men to search for gold in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. The group included:

- Shannon Wilson Bell

- James Humphrey
- Frank Miller
- George Noon
- Israel Swan

The group set out from the town of Gunnison in October 1873. They traveled up the Gunnison River and into the mountains. Along the way, they encountered deep snow and difficult terrain. The group became lost and stranded.

As the days turned into weeks, the men began to die. One by one, they succumbed to starvation and exposure. Packer was the last man standing. Desperate to survive, he began to eat the bodies of his companions.

The Cannibal's Trial

Packer eventually made his way out of the mountains and returned to Gunnison. He was immediately arrested and charged with murder. The trial was a sensation. Packer's defense was that he had been driven to cannibalism out of necessity. The jury did not believe him. He was found guilty and sentenced to death.

Packer's sentence was later commuted to life in prison. He served 18 years in prison before being pardoned in 1901. He died in 1907 at the age of 65.

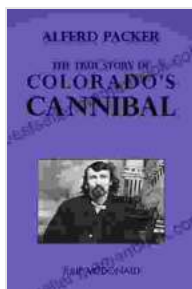
The Legacy of Alferd Packer

Alferd Packer's story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of greed and desperation. It is also a reminder of the harsh realities of life in the

American West. Packer's cannibalism was a desperate act of survival, but it was also a crime. He was a murderer who deserved to be punished.

Packer's story has been told and retold for over a century. It has been the subject of books, articles, and even a movie. Packer's legacy is one of infamy. He is remembered as one of the most notorious criminals in Colorado history.

The story of Alferd Packer is a fascinating and tragic one. It is a story of greed, desperation, and murder. It is a story that reminds us of the dark side of human nature.

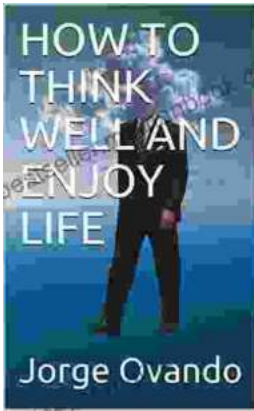


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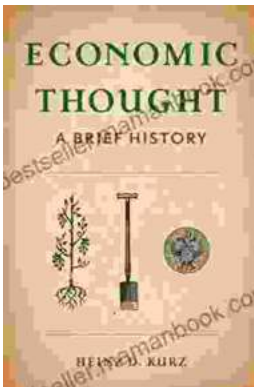
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