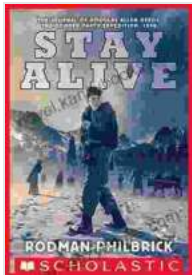


The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds: The Donner Party Expedition 1846



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The Donner Party expedition was one of the most tragic events in American history. In 1846, a group of over 80 pioneers set out from Illinois to California. They planned to travel across the American frontier, but their journey was plagued by delays and misfortunes. By the time they reached the Sierra Nevada mountains, they were trapped by snow and forced to survive in harsh conditions.

The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds is a firsthand account of the Donner Party expedition. Deeds was a 19-year-old member of the party, and his journal provides a vivid glimpse into the challenges and hardships faced by the pioneers. Deeds' journal also reveals the indomitable spirit that kept the pioneers going, even in the face of starvation and death.

The Journey West

The Donner Party set out from Illinois in May 1846. The party consisted of 87 people, including men, women, and children. They traveled in a wagon train, and their journey took them across the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains. Along the way, they faced many challenges, including bad weather, lack of food and water, and attacks by Native Americans.

Despite the challenges, the Donner Party made good progress. They reached the Sierra Nevada mountains in October 1846. However, the mountains were covered in snow, and the party was forced to stop. They spent the winter in the mountains, and by the time spring arrived, they were starving and desperate.

The Tragedy

In the spring of 1847, the Donner Party was finally able to cross the Sierra Nevada mountains. However, they were still hundreds of miles from California. They continued their journey, but they were weak and exhausted. Many of them died along the way, and the survivors resorted to cannibalism to stay alive.

In October 1847, the Donner Party finally reached California. Only 48 of the original 87 members of the party had survived. The Donner Party tragedy is a reminder of the dangers and hardships faced by the pioneers who settled the American West.

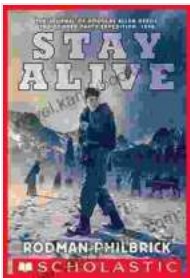
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The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds is a valuable historical document. It provides a firsthand account of the Donner Party expedition, and it offers a unique glimpse into the lives of the pioneers who settled the American

West. Deeds' journal is also a moving human story, and it tells the story of the courage, resilience, and desperation of the Donner Party.

The Journal of Douglas Allen Deeds is available to read online. It is also available in print form. If you are interested in learning more about the Donner Party expedition, I highly recommend reading Deeds' journal.

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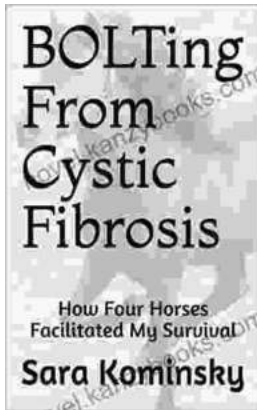
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