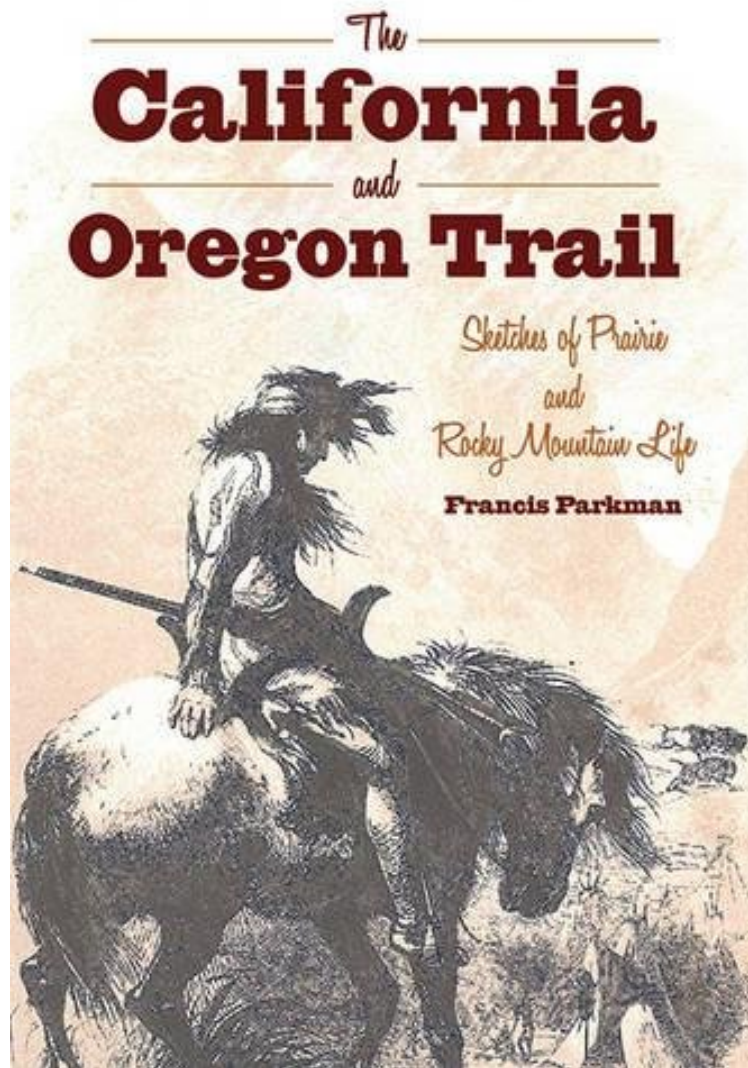


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About the Author Francis Parkman was born in 1823 to a distinguished Boston family. He enrolled at Harvard College at age sixteen and received a law degree several years later. With his formal education complete, Parkman dedicated himself to his life's great ambition: writing a history of the American wilderness. His seven-volume work *France and England in North America* is considered by many to be one of the most brilliant achievements in the genre. He died in 1893.