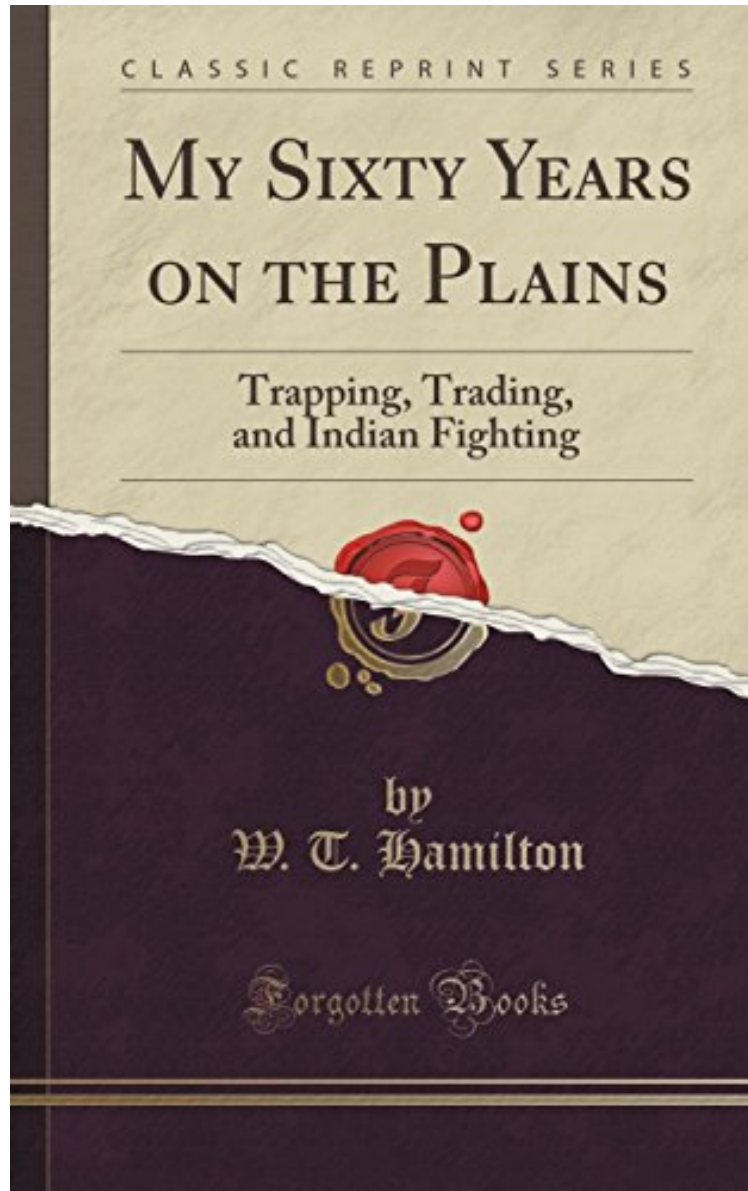


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56 of 59 people found the following review helpful. If the subject matter interests you, you won't be disappointed (but read on for a caveat to that)By Bond, James BondI thoroughly, and somewhat unexpectedly, enjoyed this book. What I mean is, while I was interested in the subject matter going in (otherwise, why buy the book?), I wasn't really prepared for just how much enjoyment I would get from it. I ended up reading it virtually straight through, over the course of a couple of days, whereas normally a book like this would stretch out to a week or more, with me picking away at it steadily from my perch in the bathroom or before sleeping. In this case, other activities had to make way for the book. The contents are too perfectly well described by the title to require much comment, although I will say that, having reached the end, I am disappointed that more attention wasn't paid to describing and explaining the art of trapping to us moderners who haven't much of a clue beyond the obvious broad outlines. While many incidents are mentioned, it is often passed over so cursorily that, in hindsight, I'm not sure I always even knew what the particular animal being trapped was. Since much of the history takes place in the northwest, from Montana to Washington, beavers are often mentioned as being the prey, but what was being trapped in other places is less clear to me--and in any case, I would have liked to have been told how the work was actually carried out in more detail. Much of that, however, can no doubt be put down to the reader of Mr. Hamilton's time being more familiar with such things than we are today, so my disappointment isn't with the author's skill as a writer and historian so much as with his rudimentary facility at predicting the future. The same might be said of his many interactions with Indians, both in war and peace, but to a lesser degree because he does devote more space to the details of such encounters. But I want more, so I'll have to seek out another book more single-mindedly devoted to Indian-dealing to help flesh out the picture. Have no fear, though. These are relatively minor niggles. As I said, I enjoyed the book very much and don't regret the money spent on it one bit, and if I had to bet I'd bet that you won't, either. Five stars for enjoyment, four for completeness and detail, averaging to 4 1/2 with 1/2 a star tacked back on for future prediction failure allowance, resulting in five stars overall for this exciting and entertaining read.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. History and new World comingBy CustomerEnjoyed the book very much reading this book almost felt like you were there and see what was described and feel the emotions that they felt in the story line. I felt that it was a true story. And the price was outstanding these true stories are very much history could feel the progress of the people at the times I felt sad to see the future come and change the times.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great historical readBy Buck SawyerI truly enjoyed this book, not because it is particularly well written but because it appears to be very authentic. This guy lived the life and it was very instructional and interesting. It is worth maybe three stars for the writing and one star for the way it is laid out. The fact that it was written by a participant in this history makes it very worthwhile read

Excerpt from *My Sixty Years on the Plains: Trapping, Trading, and Indian Fighting*In writing this book the author had only one end in view, that of relating in a simple way his experiences as a mountaineer. In these days, when such experiences are

About the AuthorWilliam Thomas Hamilton was born into a wealthy family in England but was brought to America when he was two years old. A sickly youngster, he was sent west by his father in 1842 with a trapping party headed by Old Bill Williams (who would gain notoriety as the guide of General John C. Frmonts fourth expedition into the Western territories) to improve his health. Hamilton remained in the West for the rest of his life. He died in Missoula, Montana.