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# Synopsis

No less authority than Hiram Chittenden wrote this marvelous history of the early days of one of America's most important waterways. A West Point engineer, namesake of the Hiram Chittenden locks in Seattle, Chittenden was a respected historian of early western America. There was no railroad system in the United States whose importance to its tributary country was relatively greater than was that of the Missouri River to the trans-Mississippi territory in the first seventy-five years of the nineteenth century. Through the earliest days of navigation on the great Missouri, through its use in the Civil War, the Indian Wars, Custer's Last Stand, and its eventual demise as a major highway due to the development of the railroads, this history tells of an America that depended on rivers for expansion. Though Grant Marsh captained the steamer Far West, which took the wounded Little Bighorn survivors to Ft. Lincoln, La Barge also saw service as a captain on Custer's Yellowstone Expedition. The life of Joseph La Barge exemplifies the 19th century life of the river. The author met La Barge shortly before his death and found him to be an extraordinary wealth of information about early steamboat travel, as La Barge had owned and operated boats on the river for many years. He was on the first boat that went to the far upper river, and he made the last through voyage from St. Louis to Fort Benton. CHAPTER I.Ancestry Of Captain La Barge CHAPTER II.Childhood And Youth CHAPTER III. Enters The Fur TradeCHAPTER IV. Cholera On The YellowstoneCHAPTER V. Further Service At Cabanne's CHAPTER VI. Last Year At Cabanne's CHAPTER VII. Captain La Barge In oppositionCHAPTER VIII. The Missouri River CHAPTER IX. Kinds Of Boats Used On The MissouriCHAPTER X.Steamboat Navigation On The Missouri RiverCHAPTER XI.The Steamboat In The Fur TradeCHAPTER XII. Voyage Of 1843CHAPTER XIII. Voyage Of 1844CHAPTER XIV.Changed ConditionsCHAPTER XV.Incidents On The River (1845-50)CHAPTER XVI.Incidents On The River (1851-53) CHAPTER XVII.Ice Break-up or 1856 CHAPTER XVIII.The Head Of Navigation ReachedCHAPTER XIX.Fort Benton CHAPTER XX.Abraham Lincoln On The MissouriCHAPTER XXI.The Civil WarCHAPTER XXII.Gold In Montana CHAPTER XXIII.Incidents On The River (1862-67) CHAPTER XXIV.La Barge Again In OppositionCHAPTER XXV.Voyage Of 1863â "The Tobacco Garden MassacreCHAPTER XXVI.The Blackfoot AnnuitiesCHAPTER XXVII.Collapse Of The La Barge-harkness OppositionCHAPTER XXVIII.Captain La Barge In MontanaCHAPTER XXIX.Captain La Barge In Washington CHAPTER XXX.The Indian Of The Missouri Valley CHAPTER XXXI. The Army On The Missouri CHAPTER XXXII. The Steamboat In The Indian WarsCHAPTER XXXIII. The Peace Commission Of 1856 CHAPTER XXXIV. The Murder Of Captain Speak CHAPTER XXXV. The Battle With The Railroads CHAPTER XXXVI. Last Voyages To BentonCHAPTER XXXVII.Declining YearsCHAPTER XXXVIIIDestiny Of The Missouri River This book published in 1903 has been reformatted for the Kindle and may contain an occasional defect from the original publication or from the reformatting.

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This book is terrific. Published in 1909 it offers a first hand account of Steamboats on the Missouri River. I really enjoyed it...

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