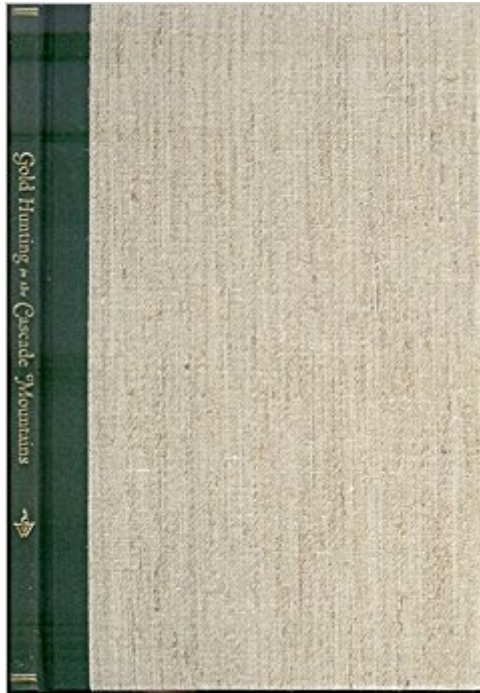




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Six Northwest settlers set out to explore the Cowlitz river in search of gold. Based on a tip from a friend, a prospector could easily pan five dollars per day! While they found gold, it was too fine to pan and not the amounts fell far short of exploration. As a consolation, they set out to summit Mount Saint Helens, the infamous volcano in Washington that erupted in 1980. In 1860 it was considerably taller and unclimbed (though another claimed to have climbed it in 1853). This book is enjoyable from several points of view. As a climber and reader of climbing literature, I loved the adventure. As a naturalist, I loved the wonderful description of the landscape before "civilization." As a Washingtonian, I enjoyed the description of the Indians and regional history from the settler's perspective. Originally published as a pamphlet in 1861, only one known copy survives. It was republished by Yale in 1956 and again in 1991 by the Book Club of Washington. Both reprints were in quantities of 300. The only unfortunate is that this book is fairly short - only 46 pages plus preface and introduction - I wanted to read more. At least there were not any boring sections to endure. It is an enjoyable book from start to finish and a must read for anyone interested in Northwest prospecting, Northwest history, early mountaineering, or mountaineering adventures.

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