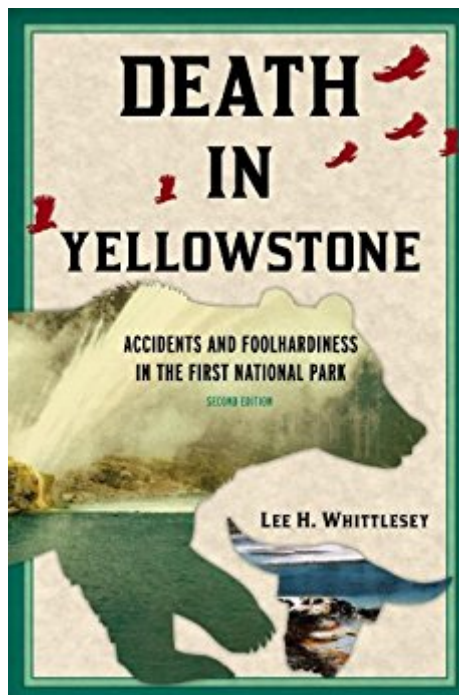


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Death In Yellowstone: Accidents And Foolhardiness In The First National Park



Synopsis

The chilling tome that launched an entire genre of books about the often gruesome but always tragic ways people have died in our national parks, this updated edition of the classic includes calamities in Yellowstone from the past sixteen years, including the infamous grizzly bear attacks in the summer of 2011 as well as a fatal hot springs accident in 2000. In these accounts, written with sensitivity as cautionary tales about what to do and what not to do in one of our wildest national parks, Whittlesey recounts deaths ranging from tragedy to follyâ ”from being caught in a freak avalanche to the goring of a photographer who just got a little too close to a bison. Armchair travelers and park visitors alike will be fascinated by this important book detailing the dangers awaiting in our first national park.

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Customer Reviews

If you're one of the disciples of Yellowstone, you'll find this book very interesting. I've visited there only twice but I'm in total love with the place and its animal inhabitants. The photographic opportunities are what drew me to the park, and now its magnetism is irresistible. Having viewed it's

deep canyons, steaming geysers, boiling mud pits and craggy mountains, I already had a healthy respect for the inherent dangers of the place. After reading this book, it instills more clearly that one risks life and limb by entering one of the last wild havens for free roaming animals. Especially those who are so blinded by its beauty that they're lulled into a false sense of security. From people falling into steaming geyser pools, being attacked and possibly eaten by grizzlies, freezing to death in the harsh winters or tumbling into deep canyons, it recounts the stories of those who lost their lives in this beautiful wilderness. I found this book intriguing -- it's a well chronicled documentary of disaster in the park from the 1800's to present day.

I first read Death in the Grand Canyon, which was actually written after this book, and I really liked it. This book is really interesting with a lot of the history of deaths in and around Yellowstone. I think it could have been a quicker read if he hadn't included quite so much stuff that was so long ago and occurred outside the park. If someone was murdered a few miles outside of the park in 1860 it is not very relevant to me going to visit the park today. I like to read these so I know what to look out for if I go to the park today. It has added to my interest in the park which I know I need to go to.

Covering over 300 deaths since the 1800s, Death in Yellowstone ranges from drownings to bear maulings to burns in hot springs to murders to Native American attacks to poisonous plants to carbon monoxide to runaway coaches. Sometimes it'll jump 100 years and then go back. Sometimes the information about what happened is sparse and sometimes it's well documented. All of it adds up to one simple warning: Follow the rules and you will probably stay safe in that particular National Park. Climb over a barrier or try to take a picture with a bear and you may not come out alive.

Interesting read. A little slow in some spots but the author has done his homework, the stories are incredible. Finished the book in a weekend. I'm glad we read this before going to the parks. It gives you a better perspective on just how wild this area really is. Gave us a new respect for wilderness. Glad we bought this, definitely not disappointed.

great read! glad I went before reading book or I may have been afraid to go. I always bring everything home to read because I am too busy sightseeing to read and I can see now how that is a mistake. I know everyone is in a hurry to get in park and see everything and I know park service is shorthanded but I wonder if each entry gate had a required 15 min orientation area before entry...

would it help prevent some injuries and deaths. When we went to Sequoia NP we were required to get out and listen to a 15 min talk on bears and storing food and it made me really think about the dangers.

Great book that gives a factual account of the ways that people have lost their lives at Yellowstone. The author clearly spent an immense amount of time researching, and gives us information without tabloid dramatics. Events are described in detail and some are not for the weak hearted, but the interesting take-away for me is that most who died were either ill-prepared, violated park rules, or were simply not aware of the power of nature in such a wilderness area. I found it interesting for the history and descriptions of the areas. The deaths were sad, of course, yet some of them left me scratching my head at the decisions people made which cost their lives. Even so, that too was sad, but reading this book made me feel incredible respect for this beautiful part of North America, which is both beautiful and dangerous.

Compared to more statistically researched and better written works like "Death Below the Rim," this book provides a sometime jumbled, inconclusive portrayal of the long history of death and murder in Yellowstone.

If you have ever been to Yellowstone, this is MUST read! You will be blown away by what has happened in such a marvelous, but dangerous place!! Makes you appreciate the forces of nature and how foolish man can be!

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