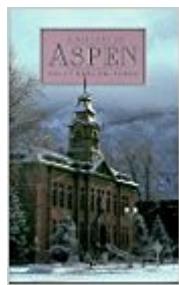


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# A History Of Aspen



## **Synopsis**

A History of Aspen utilizes a narrative style and 70 historic photos from the Aspen archives to recount the saga of Aspen and the role of its leading citizens as Aspen roller-coasted from a thriving mining town and Colorado's third largest city, through a period of quiet, to its current place in the sun as a famous resort town. In her description of Aspen's history, the author shows how from 1879 to the 1990s the freethinking, independent nature of the citizens of Aspen has not changed. The book's chapters follow the progression from the mining era of the late 1800s and the quiet era that followed, through the early ski period and building of a strong cultural base in the thirties, forties, and fifties, to the boom of the sixties and the growth and politics that followed.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have read this book many times and have edited it as the publisher and editor. This is the most complete history of Aspen available and has been a best seller for 10 years in the Aspen area. The new edition brings the tale of Aspen, one of the most unique towns in the U.S., up to the new century, and shows with even more detail how the town arrived at its current place in the sun, and what the cost has been. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Aspen, Colorado, where miners once covered the surrounding mountains searching for silver, is now world-famous as a ski resort and a cultural and intellectual center. In mining days, the town's citizens strapped on twelve-foot Norwegian snowshoes to get around in the winter. Many of the residents concentrated on the more civilized aspects of life, while others looked for riches. Years

later, these riches were found in the snow that covered mine-pocked Aspen Mountain. At the same time, many of the elite from the East and Midwest created a cultural haven as they pursued the fulfillment of their dreams in this progressive Rocky Mountain town. The freethinking, independent nature of the citizens of Aspen has not changed, and the Aspen of today remains a vital, trend-setting community. A History of Aspen recounts the saga of Aspen and the role of its leading citizens as Aspen roller-coasted from a thriving mining town and Colorado's third largest city, through a period of quiet, to its current place in the sun.

A concise, but interesting overview of Aspen...

enjoyed this history of aspen 2nd edition from front to back cover. i would recommend it to others as a reference material.

I bought this book to get an idea what Aspen was about before I went there on a skiing trip in March of '09. It was interesting. The book talks about the founding of Aspen, famous names that have been involved in Aspens culture over the decades. I will also say that I searched for books with this topic and there wasn't much out there.

Sally Barlow-Perez explores and digs deep into the historical eras and events that occurred throughout the history of Aspen, Colorado. Sally is a small town author from Colorado and has only written this single novel. The author lacks information on her own personal background, which made it difficult to discover her writing style and writing history. The structure of the author's work is laid out chronologically to provide evidence on the fact that history for a city can be repeated and can derive from the same and original causes. She begins the novel by explaining how miners from Leadville traveled to Aspen in search for gold and continues her stories all the way to the era of the 1990s. The author does have some primary sources such as pictures, quotations from locals Aspenites, and research data. The author also uses secondary sources to state events, dates and stories on the accumulation of Aspen's growth and declines. I would recommend this book to undergraduates, graduates or anyone who is researching the history of Aspen. The novel provides detail on the eras of Aspen and has legitimate secondary and primary sources since the authors of her sources are from Colorado and lived through the different eras of Aspen. She could have made her novel more interesting by using primary sources such as journal entries or

newspapers I enjoyed the book overall because it provides lots of precise detail on the events and eras which I believe to be very important for any historical source.

I moved to Aspen and wanted to know the history of the town a little better. I wasn't expecting much from a book aimed at such a small audience, but even then, I was disappointed. The author manages to cite a mere 15 sources. This becomes evident from the bland descriptions of individuals and quotes that offer no insight into their thinking. Considering the budget of Aspen, I would think that the city council could have paid an author to write a more colorful and interesting history of their town.

I lived in Aspen from 1966 to 1977. I think of those days a lot. This book didn't talk much about those days, but there is a lot of earlier, interesting stuff. Rick Barlow

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