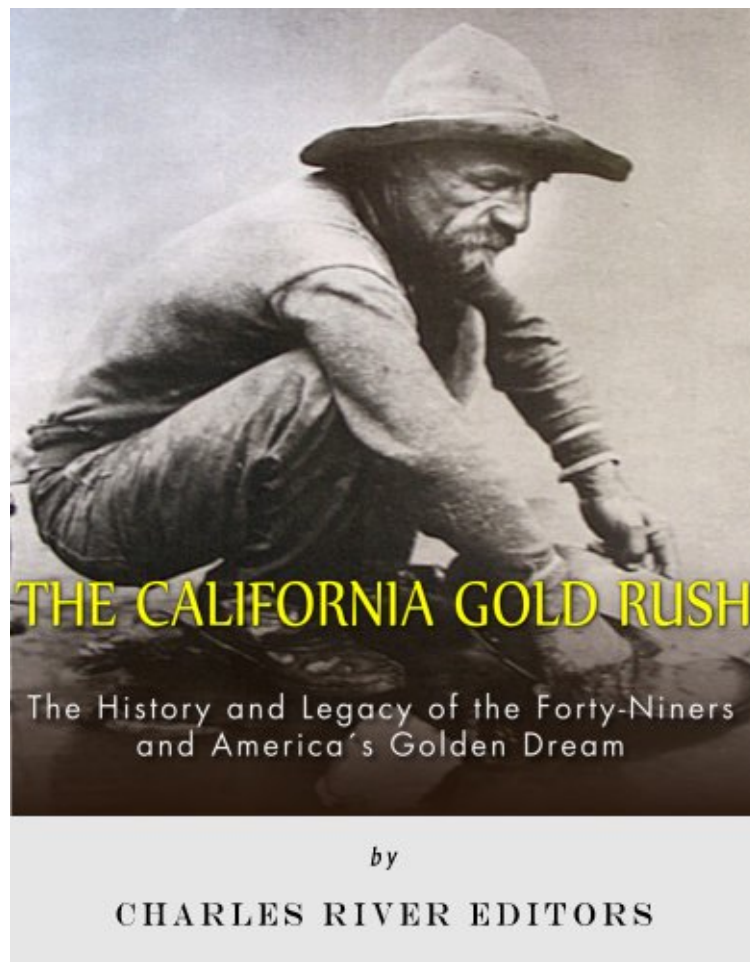


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All told, an estimated 300,000 people would come to California over the next few years, as men dangerously trekked thousands of miles in hopes of making a fortune, and in a span of months, San Franciscos population exploded, making it one of the first mining boomtowns to truly spring up in the West. This was a pattern that would repeat itself across the West anytime a mineral discovery was made, from the Southwest and Tombstone to the Dakotas and Deadwood. Of course, that was made possible by the collective memory of the original California gold rush. Despite the mythology and the romantic portrayals that helped make the California Gold Rush, most of the individuals who came to make a fortune struck out instead. The gold rush was a boon to business interests, which ensured important infrastructure developments like the railroad and the construction of westward paths, but ultimately, it also meant that big business reaped most of the profits associated with mining the gold. While the Forty-Niners are often remembered for panning gold out of mountain streams, it required advanced mining technology for most to make a fortune. Nevertheless, the California Gold Rush became an emblem of the American Dream, and the notion that Americans could obtain untold fortunes regardless of their previous social status. As historian H.W. Brands said of the impact the gold rush had on Americans at the time, The old American Dream ... was the dream of the Puritans, of Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard... of men and women content to accumulate their modest fortunes a little at a time, year by year by year. The new dream was the dream of instant wealth, won in a twinkling by audacity and good luck [it] became a prominent part of the American psyche only after Sutter's Mill. While the gold rush may not have every Forty-Niner rich, the events still continue to influence the countrys collective mentality.This book comprehensively covers the history and legacy of the gold rush that took place from 1848-1855, analyzing how it affected the participants and the nation at large. Along with pictures and a bibliography, you will learn about the California Gold Rush like you never have before, in no time at all.Kurzbeschreibung\*Includes pictures.\*Includes primary accounts of the gold rush. \*Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading.\*Includes a table of contents. As the spring and summer of 1848 advanced, the reports came faster and faster from the gold-mines at Sutters saw-mill. Stories reached us of fabulous discoveries, and spread throughout the land. Everybody was talking of Gold! gold!! until it assumed the character of a fever. 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