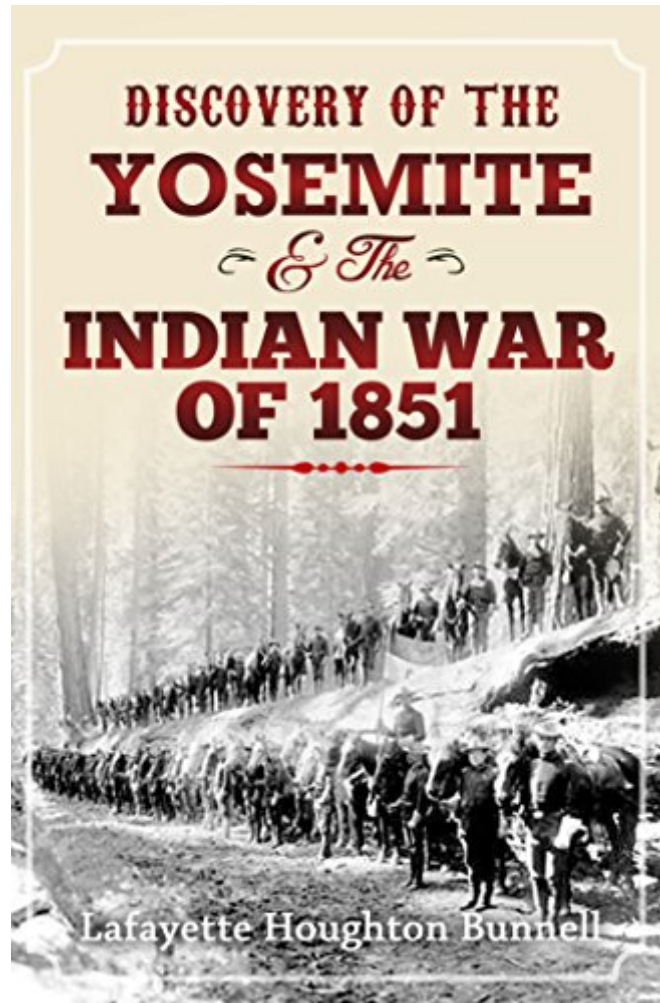


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# Discovery Of The Yosemite, And The Indian War Of 1851



## Synopsis

During the winter of 1849-50, while ascending the old Bear Valley trail from Ridley's ferry, on the Merced river, my attention was attracted to the stupendous rocky peaks of the Sierra Nevadas. In the distance an immense cliff loomed, apparently to the summit of the mountains. Written by the medical officer of the Mariposa Battalion (the first group of Euro-Americans to enter the valley), Discovery of the Yosemite, and the Indian war of 1851 is perhaps the single most important original source we have that focuses on the early history of Yosemite Valley. Out of print for many years, this wonderful source chronicles key historical events surrounding the discovery of Yosemite, including the 1851 conflict with the Yosemite native population, and the naming of various landmarks. What makes this source particularly valuable and rich is the first person perspective provided by Dr Bunnell's narrative. Lafayette Houghton Bunnell, born in 1824 in Rochester, New York, was an American author, explorer, and physician. Inspired by the males in his family, Bunnell desired adventure in the West from a young age. He is perhaps most well-known for his involvement in the Mariposa Battalion, and is often credited as the person who named Yosemite. He was also a soldier and surgeon in the American Civil War. Albion Press is an imprint of Endeavour Press, the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at [www.endeavourpress.com](http://www.endeavourpress.com). Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>. We are always interested in hearing from our readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was written by the one of two men to meet and write about Chief Tenaya and the Native Americans of Yosemite. The other man was a reporter embeded with the Mariposa Battalion who wrote for the Stockton Republic. Both men document that Chief Tenaya was the founder of the Paiute Colony of Yosemite. That Chief Tenaya spoke Paiute. The reporter writes that Chief Bautista called the Ahwahneechees the "Monahs". Which would concluded that the original Native Americans of Yosemite were Mono Paiutes and not Miwoks. In fact in Bunnell's book after Chief Tenayas death the remaining Ahwahneechees/Paiutes were taken back to Mono Lake in 1854. The next year the only Indians in Yosemite were Paiutes from Mono Lake. THAT IS IN THE BOOK. There are many mentions of Monos and Paiutes being Chief Tenaya's band, BUT NOT ONE MENTION OF MIWOKS. We Paiutes don't understand why no one at Yosemite National Park has read this book. This is THE Original book about the Indian people of Yosemite. The Native American people of Yosemite and Hetch Hetchy. A MUST READ FOR ALL OF YOU TO WANT TO KNOW THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE INDIANS OF YOSEMITE. IF YOU CAN GET THE ORIGINAL, AND NOT THE REVISED VERSION.

A rather difficult book to get involved with. The author uses a great deal of names and places that are hard to comprehend. I was more interested in finding out how Yosemite was discovered and the beauty of the area and the reaction of the first white people to see this beautiful national park. It did this a little bit but it was lost in the constant discussion of the Indian war against the white man as he invaded their native land. You have to be a dedicated historian to appreciate this book. Not for the average reader. It was more of a dissertation for a PH.D. than a good read.

Hi, I would say that this book is a must for anyone who wants to envision the early entry by non-Native Americans into the "Yo-Semite". One definitely gets a "You Are There" experience by reading this book and gains an understanding of the conflicts that brought Bunnell and his group to the area. ....

Tremendously descriptive recorded first view by a white American. It makes me want to visit that area just to see for myself if it really is that awe inspiring. His descriptive language is incredible. So sad we removed the Native Americans from their little piece of Heaven.

I love these types of historical narratives; this is a classic example of the learned member of the expedition recording pertinent details for posterity. Having had family in the Central Valley and foothills region, I recognized many names of landmarks and was interested in how they originated. The author's ruminations on the native peoples are his alone, and reflect the manifest destiny notion of the times. It is a thoughtful, reverent recollection of a rougher time in Western history, and is required reading for anyone wanting to learn more about the Yosemite area and its rich history, both natural and anthropomorphic.

Good historical record of exploring the Yosemite Valley in mid-eighteenth Century. Well written. Author is one of the first explorers in this area of CA along with the miners of '49. Good data about the natives that lived here prior to the CA Gold Rush.

An excellent source for historical accounts for Indians/settler conflicts in the 1850's in Central California. Also, a wonderful personal account of the first white settlers entering Yosemite Valley, and what happened to the Indians living there.

Great book about Yosemite history

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