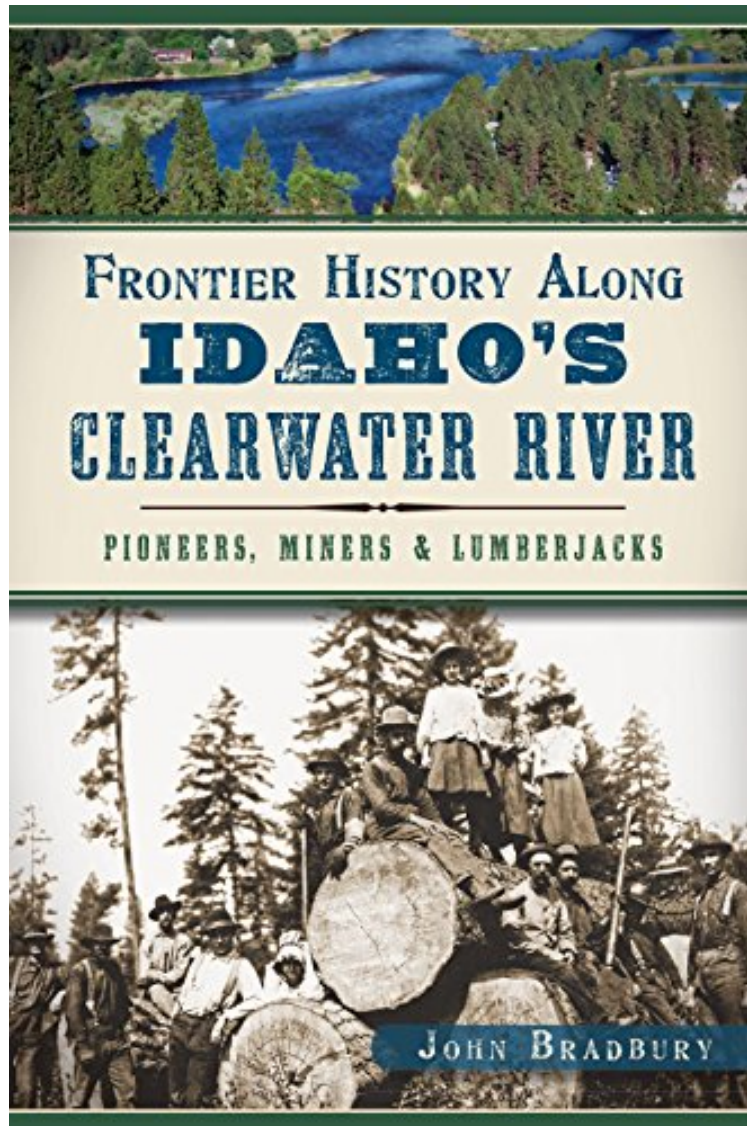


# Frontier History Along Idaho's Clearwater River: Pioneers, Miners Lumberjacks

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Im very glad I didBy LucyAFull disclosure. I know John Bradbury. Therefore I had to read this book. Im very glad I did; others should feel inclined to read it because it is a fascinating

and very readable story about how a portion of north Idaho was transformed from a land of the Nez Perce to a land of the United States lumberjack, with a strong dose of mining in between. I am impressed by the way Bradbury cites his sources; the citations are woven into the text in ways that, for this reader, are far more helpful than footnotes. These citations range from the 38 published sources identified in the bibliography to conversations with persons who recall the reports of their parents and grandparents. I'm also impressed by the way he lets his humor creep in. Bradbury may have spent much of his life as a lawyer and a judge, but his writing in this book is that of a skilled story teller, not an author of legal briefs. Because I am not a student of Idaho history (I was raised in Western Washington), I must rely on Pricing Prof to report that this book fills a gap in recording the history of life along the Clearwater River. However, it has solved one Idaho mystery for me how did Oro Fino become Orofino. When you read the book, you'll find the answer on page 133. Bradbury ends this book with The miners were long gone. The lumberjacks had arrived. And a new bonanza was underway. I hope he will follow up with a book about this new bonanza. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Greg E. Great history of the Clearwater area during the influential gold rush era in Northern Idaho. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Much appreciation for Mr. Bradbury's history. By antoinette I loved this. It is so unusual to read western history dug so deep. I feel grateful to Bradbury without whom these stories would be lost. Suzanne Tarlov

The Clearwater River runs deep through northern Idaho's history. The Nez Perce tribe made its home along the river. Lewis and Clark's journey west took them through the Clearwater. In fact, the Nez Perce made the expedition's voyage from the Clearwater River to the Pacific Ocean possible by teaching them how to make dugout canoes from ponderosa pine logs. Fur traders like John Jacob Astor and William Ashley financed the first American commercial activity on the river, bringing trappers to the area and paving the way for the Oregon Trail. Later came the first gold rush, the Nez Perce war, statehood, homesteaders and the beginning of the logging industry. Join author John Bradbury as he recounts a time when native tribes, explorers, trappers, preachers, miners and lumberjacks made a life along the Clearwater, establishing the area for future generations.

About the Author John Bradbury was born in Orofino and reared in a logging town twelve miles north of Pierce City, now known as Pierce. He graduated from the University of Idaho and the University of Michigan Law School. After practicing maritime law for twenty-five years at Seattle and Anchorage, he retired back to Idaho where he taught at Lewis-Clark State College for several years as an adjunct professor. He currently serves on the boards of the Clearwater Historical Society and its museum.