



Explorers in Eden: Pueblo Indians and the Promised Land (Paperback)

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University of New Mexico Press, United States, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Beginning in the late nineteenth century, the pueblos of the Southwest frequently inspired Anglo-American visitors to express their sense of wonder and enchantment in biblical references. Frank Hamilton Cushing s first account of Zuni pueblo described a setting that looked like -The Pools of Palestine.- Drawn to the Southwest, Mabel Dodge imagined -a garden of Eden, inhabited by an unfallen tribe of men and women.- There she was attracted to Tony Luhan, a Taos Indian who looked -like a Biblical figure.- When historian Jerold Auerbach first saw Edward S. Curtis s early twentieth-century photograph Taos Water Girls, he realized that -here, indeed, was the biblical Rebecca, relocated to New Mexico from ancient Haran, where Abraham s faithful servant had journeyed to find a suitable wife for Isaac. Rebecca with her water pitcher is as familiar a biblical icon as Noah and his ark or Moses with the stone tablets. Curtis had recast her as the archetypal Pueblo maiden.- Explorers in Eden uncovers an intriguing array of diaries, letters, memoirs, photographs, paintings, postcards, advertisements, anthropological field studies, and scholarly monographs. They reveal how Anglo-Americans...

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