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Whittlesey believes that far too many people enter our national parks with "a false sense of security." He then goes on to chronicle the deaths in Yellowstone National Park of more than 250 people. Most of the deaths, Whittlesey argues, occurred because of human mistakes and "negligence." In this sense, the book is meant to teach and warn about the many dangers that exist in Yellowstone itself, and wild areas in general. The catalog of deaths includes all manner of dying at the hands of nature (hot springs, bears, bison, avalanches, exposure, and forest fires top the list), as well as deaths strictly caused by human actions (murders, suicides, carbon monoxide poisoning, car and plane accidents, and so forth). A little morbid, but strangely fascinating. *Brian McCombie*

Review

...one thing is certain: it is the most fascinating book ever written about Yellowstone Park and its environs. (*Journal of the West*)

About the Author

Lee H. Whittlesey, Yellowstone National Park's historian, is the author of many books, including *Yellowstone Place Names* and *Storytelling in Yellowstone: Horse and Buggy Tour Guides*. He has appeared on Ken Burns's critically acclaimed PBS series *The National Parks*, among other documentaries.

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