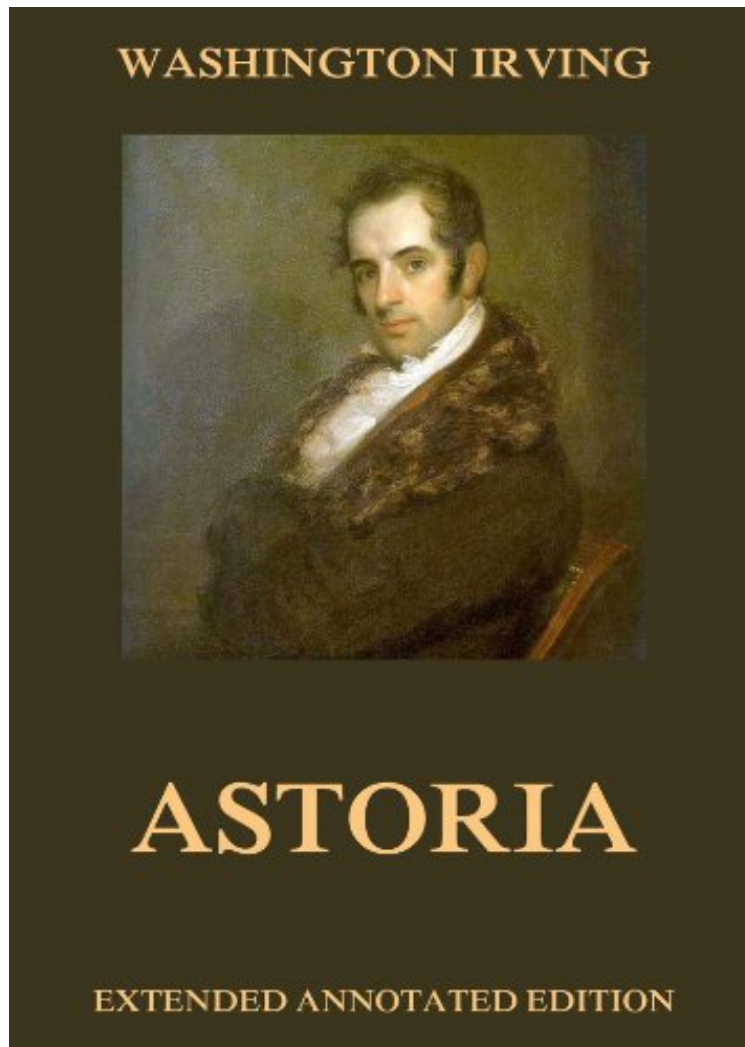


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Historical PerspectiveBy Ruth L. HaringI found this book originally in my school library and was intrigued by a historical work written by Washington Irving. The book proved to be fascinating. It is a retelling of first hand accounts of the attempt by John Jacob Astor to found a fur trading dynasty on the west coast in direct competition with the British and Russians. Irving was able to use Astor's letters both to and from the leaders of the expeditions to the west coast. There was both a sea expedition and an overland one as well. The first part of the book details the sea part and its tragic conclusion. The bulk of the book details the overland part of the expedition, and this part I found especially fascinating as it presents a picture of a wild and dangerous United States in the early 1800's. From dangerous rivers, tall mountains, unforgiving weather, and a

cast of wonderful, real characters, I was amazed and in awe of the early exploration of our country. If you like historical works, you will definitely enjoy this. My only complaint, and it is a minor one, is that the language is definitely Irvingesque, lots of colorful big words in an old style. But once you get used to that, the book flows along and was hard to put down. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By June H. Devoto Good 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. NICE TO READ MORE OF THE HISTORY OF OUR BY miscoA LITTLE HARD TO FOLLOW SOMRTIMES WITH THE LANGUAGE HE USES. NICE TO READ MORE OF THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY

In 1836, Irving published " Astoria ; or, Anecdotes of an Enterprise beyond the Rocky Mountains ;" a somewhat curious example of literary skill. A voluminous commercial correspondence was the dull ore of the earth which he reined and wrought into symmetry and splendor. Irving reduced to a regular narrative the events to which it referred, bringing out the picturesque whenever he found it, and enlivening the whole with touches of his native humor. His nephew, Pierre M. Irving, lightened his labor materially by examining and collating the letters and making memoranda of their contents.

About the Author One of the first American writers to gain acclaim in Europe, Washington Irving was also an essayist, a biographer, an historian, and a diplomat. He is best known for having written the short stories The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle, both of which appeared in the collection The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent. Though he is best known for his short stories, Irving s written works include social and political commentary for the literary magazine Salmagundi, which he helped found, as well as biographies of a number of historical figures including George Washington and the prophet Muhammad. Irving died in 1859 at the age of 76.