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Jerry Ellis : Bareback! before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bareback!:

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The author of *Walking the Trail* combines legends of original Pony Express riders and interviews with people he met on his travels by foot, horse, and canoe along the two-thousand-mile Pony Express Trail. 30,000 first printing. \$30,000 ad/promo. Tour.

From *Library Journal* The ad in a San Francisco paper in 1860 read: "Wanted--young, skinny, wiry fellows, not over 18. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred. Wages \$25 a week." The Pony Express was the advertiser, recruiting mail carriers to deliver mail in ten days from St. Joseph, Missouri, to San Francisco. Ellis (*Walking the Trail*, LJ 9/15/91) retraced the route traveled by these daring riders. His book is laced with history and the personal adventures he experienced along the way. Ellis started out by riding with a wagon train heading west along the Oregon Trail; he also walked, rode horses, and canoed parts of the 2000-mile Pony Express route, taking three months and making many new friends along the way. The writing conveys the natural beauty of the West as well as the character of its residents. This would make a nice selection for public libraries.- Thomas K. Fry, UCLA Libs. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* Ellis sets out along the old Pony Express trail on foot, carrying a backpack and looking for rides and friendship along the way. Without a horse or relief riders, the trip takes Ellis three months rather than the ten days advertised by the nineteenth-century mail delivery company. Musing both about the past and the present, Ellis travels with a wagon train for a spell, sleeps in a homeless shelter another night, and celebrates his arrival in California with a slice of pizza. Written in the present tense from diary entries, the story is full of a sense of discovery. Ellis' previous trip, recorded in *Walking the Trail* (1991), was a re-creation of the forced march his Cherokee ancestors took from North Carolina to Oklahoma. Denise Perry Donavin From *Kirkus* sAimless account of the several months Ellis spent retracing the route of the Pony Express riders from St. Joseph, Missouri, to San Francisco. As in *Walking the Trail* (1991), the part-Cherokee author again uses events, landscapes, and personalities from his travels as inspiration for reminiscences about his hell-raising youth. But where Ellis's earlier work, detailing his trek along the 900-mile Cherokee "Trail of Tears," achieved emotional and historical resonance because of his own Native American heritage, this new book has no such compelling *raison d'être*--despite the author's proclamation that he's admired the Pony Express since boyhood. Signing on with a "covered wagon train," Ellis learns that he's joined a mismanaged, ill-conceived expedition made up of a ragtag collection of wagons, campers, and recreation vehicles. Soon alienated from the group, he strikes out on his own and meets a variety of fellow travelers--a poet-bartender; wilting "flower children"; a young, pregnant Austrian woman with whom he has a brief affair; and, perhaps most divertingly, "The Rabbit Man," a gentle semi-recluse who's addicted to Eskimo Pies and who's been holed up in a Kansas storm cellar. But most of those whom Ellis meets remain colorless on the page, while his tone drifts into sentiment--as in his observation, upon meeting an elderly man, of "how short and precious life is." Throughout, the author intersperses excerpts from Sir Richard Burton's journal of a similar trip--though the analogies do little to enliven or clarify Ellis's experiences. Maybe Ellis should have bought a saddle--as it is, he falls off this nag of a book, hard. -- Copyright 1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.