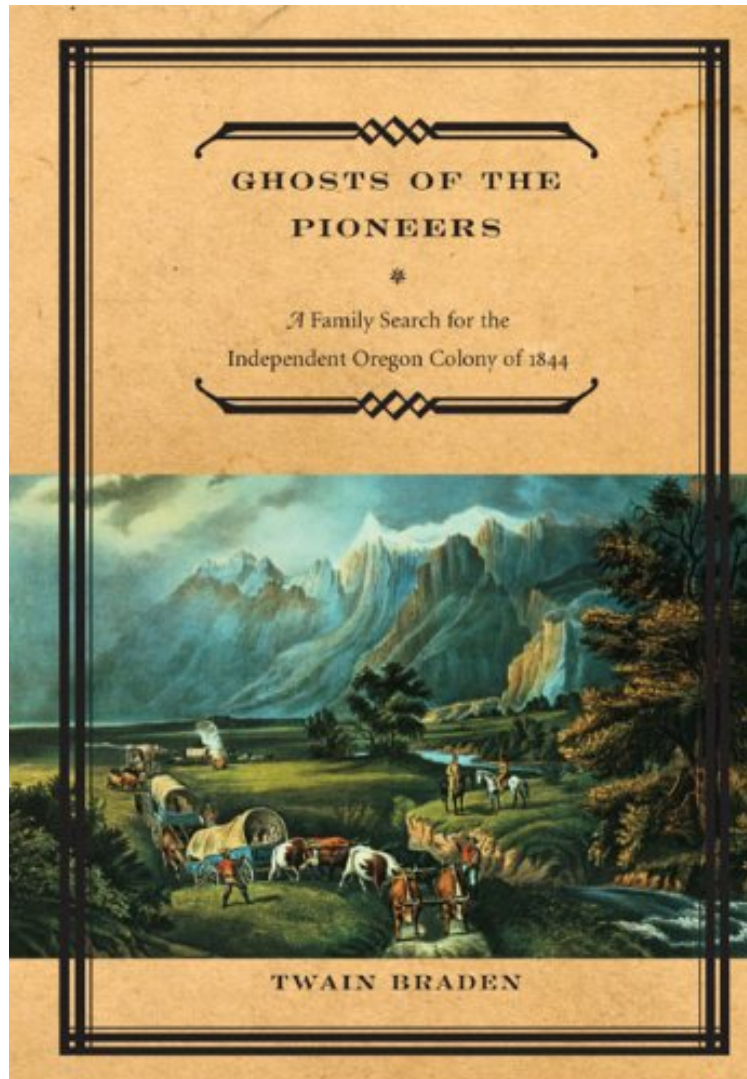


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The author and his family trace the path of an 1840s wagon train, recounting its unusual participants.

This is a wonderful, close-to-the-earth book about the West, that magical place where the best of us met the worst of us and nothing was ever the same. Ken Burns, director and producer of documentary films including The Civil War