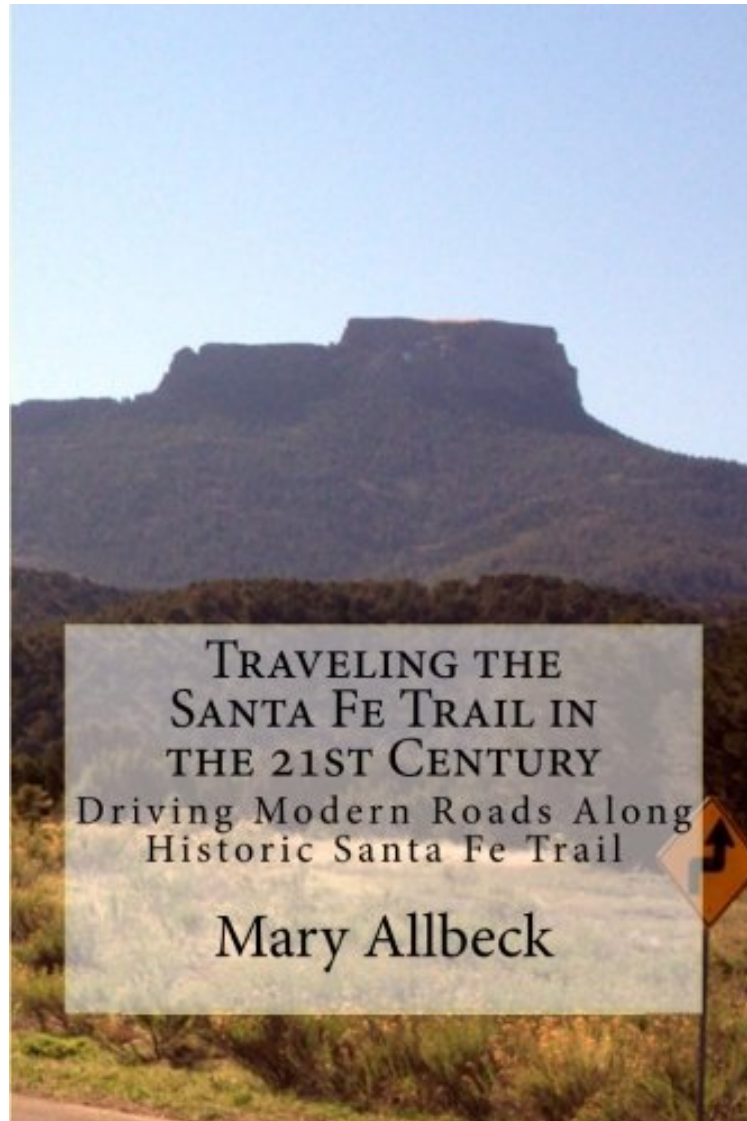


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A guide to modern day roads that follows the historic Santa Fe Trail. Lois, a retired schoolteacher, has always wanted to do this, so along with her two fifty-something daughters, went on a road trip on a mission to 'see the ruts' and we discovered a unique slice of Americana. Mary Allbeck has put together an entertaining and informative story of her journey down the Santa Fe Trail from a more modern perspective - where are the gift shops, and where can I park? Sprinkled with historical Factoids, tips on hotels and restaurants, and 218 color photos from the Trail, this is not your typical travel guide. Mother wanted to travel along the historic Santa Fe Trail, and we could not find a travel book that covered it. You can get travel books for the large cities like Independence, Missouri, or Dodge City, Kansas, but nothing covers the whole trail. Sections of the Trail are maintained by local organizations, so you get snippets of the Trail story, but not the whole picture. This is a picture book that documents our journey from Independence to Santa Fe. We greatly enjoyed traveling highways 50 and 56 along emerald green fields of wheat with clear blue skies in Kansas; the distant vistas of the Sangre de Cristo range and Spanish Peaks becoming visible as we travel southward in Colorado; and the sweeping plains, volcanoes, and mesas of New Mexico. The montage of terrain changes shows how much the vegetation and landscape changes along the 800 miles of the Trail. The Elevation Chart shows the altitude changes along the Trail, and illustrates how steep Raton Pass really is. You could peruse this book in the comfort of your own home, and feel as if you had made the journey yourself.

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