Colorado: A History Of The Centennial State

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A serious historical work, Colorado: A History of the Centennial State is nonetheless entertaining—at least to those of us who live among the landmarks, roads, cities, towns, and culture of the state. The book does well in highlighting the themes and movements of Colorado’s past. flag Like Å· see review. Sep 29, 2010 Monika rated it it liked it. I read this book for my Colorado history class. It’s full of interesting information about Colorado, but very much like a history textbook! flag Like Å· see review. While state militiamen hammered on the door of the Record office, demanding entrance in the name of the governor of Colorado, she composed the morning edition on the cumbersome linotype machine. When householders in the mining town stepped out into the crisp morning air for their daily paper, they saw a headline that read â€œSomewhat Disfigured, but Still in the Ringâ€. On July 4, 1876, Denverites gathered to celebrate the nation’s centennial. On the banks of the South Platte they watched a parade of the Knights of Pythias, the Governor’s Guard, and the Odd Fellows astride their milk-white horses. They listened to toasts including one to â€œWomanâ€ the last and best gift of God to man . . . Colorado is called the Centennial State because it became a state in 1876, the same year that the United States was engaged in its centennial celebration to commemorate 100 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Colorado was the 38th state, and the only state admitted to the union in 1876. Earning statehood wasn’t an easy thing, and Colorado’s leaders had worked for a long time to prepare their petition â€” and had actually been denied once before. The timing of the admission led the leaders of the time to begin calling Colorado the Centennial State. The name caught on in the