



The Rush: America's Fevered Quest for Fortune, 1848-1853

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Little, Brown. 1 Cloth(s), 2014. hard. Book Condition: New. In the spring of 1848, rumors spread that gold had been discovered in a remote spot in the Sacramento Valley. A year later, newspaper headlines declared "Gold Fever!" as hundreds of thousands of men and women borrowed money, quit their jobs, and allowed themselves for the first time ever to dream of a life of ease. The Edgar Award-winning author of *The Rescue Artist* and *The Forger's Spell*, Edward Dolnick here considers the national treasure hunt known as the 1849 Gold Rush, recounting the would-be miners' treacherous westward migration, the frenzied gold fields, and the rowdy cities that sprang up from nothing. "Dolnick skillfully peppers his account with dozens of first-person quotations and experiences, though his focus is on the hopes, journeys and realities of five varied but engaging individuals. [He] has succeeded admirably in putting a decidedly personal face on . an episode that changed America." *NYTimes* 351.



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