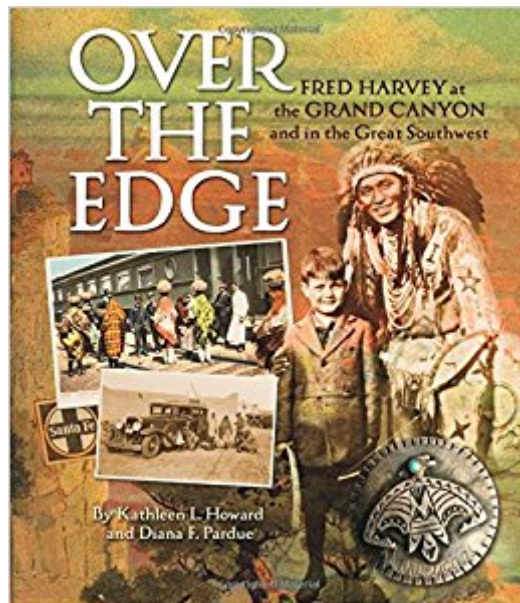




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# Over The Edge: Fred Harvey At The Grand Canyon And In The Great Southwest



## Synopsis

As we know them today, the American Southwest, and the Grand Canyon that lies at its heart, are the product of vast natural forces over millions of years. But they were also created by one man's vision and a railroad. The entrepreneurial genius was Fred Harvey. The Colt .45 revolver may have won the West, but Fred Harvey and the Santa Fe Railway made it comfortable. In the late nineteenth century, the Santa Fe opened up a strange, spectacular new territory to travelers. And Harvey followed, establishing restaurants, hotels, and shops. In *Over the Edge*, Kathleen L. Howard and Diana F. Pardue reveal in vivid detail how Harvey and the Santa Fe together created a vision of the Southwest that still works its magic today. As you read about the Kolb Brothers, Mary Colter, Joe Secakuku, William Haskell Simpson, Elsie of Ganado, the famous Harvey Girls, and the iconic railway that brought visitors in droves, you will also see the amazing photographs, postcards, pamphlets, menus, calendars, advertisements, and even matchbook covers that evoke the adventure and joy of that special time and place.

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and successful marriage between Fred Harvey and the Greatest Wonder of the World." --Daggett Harvey, great grandson of Fred Harvey

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Lots of information about the individuals within the Fred Harvey Company, the Santa Fe Railway and Native Americans of the Southwest that contributed to the creation of American's idea of the Southwest from the early decades of the 20th century through the next forty years. Much new material, at least for this reader who has a small library of materials on the Fred Harvey Company. Additionally good material on the early days of the Grand Canyon and some of the conflicts with early European inhabitants and the Santa Fe and Fred Harvey companies. Very interesting book for Fred Harvey and Santa Fe fans and those interested in the histories of our national parks.

Beautifully illustrated, well researched and well written, *Over the Edge* is a joy to read. The authors continue the groundbreaking research they first published twenty years ago in *ÅçÂ ÂœInventing the Southwest: The Fred Harvey Company and American Indian Art*ÅçÂ Â•. *Over the Edge* covers new territory, including sections on the Indian Department in Albuquerque, Mary Colter, many of the Indians employed by the company (my favorite section is the one about Hopi employee Joe Sekakuku), and most especially the Grand Canyon. This book would be a valuable addition to libraries devoted to topics of American history, especially the Southwest.

Swell "look-through" or time-transportation book. Brings back times we can't reproduce - some good things, some bad, but immensely interesting all the same.

Complete and well-researched story of the evolution of tourism at the Grand Canyon and beyond through the efforts of the Fred Harvey Company and the Santa Fe Railway. Extensively researched with glorious illustrations of historic ephemera and photographs. Not a coffee table book, it comes complete with scholarly end notes and a bibliography. A must read!

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