
Sometimes when a person reaches his or her mid-fifties, they take it upon themselves to do something crazy, or at least something they normally would not otherwise do. This is what James Whiteside did. A retired history professor, he decided to buy a motorcycle he named “Old Blue” (for no apparent reason), take off from his home in Denver, and ride across the West until meeting up with his wife in Vancouver, British Columbia. The trip began a series of other western forays imparted in this volume. This book is more than his travel log, it tells a history of the places visited. Whether it’s Yellowstone Park, or Four Corners, Whiteside paints a vivid picture of then and now, making travel and history interesting. Of particular note to the readers of this journal is his brief excursion into western Kansas where he gets as far as the El Cuartelejo ruins in Scott County before turning south to Dodge City and then heading back to Denver.