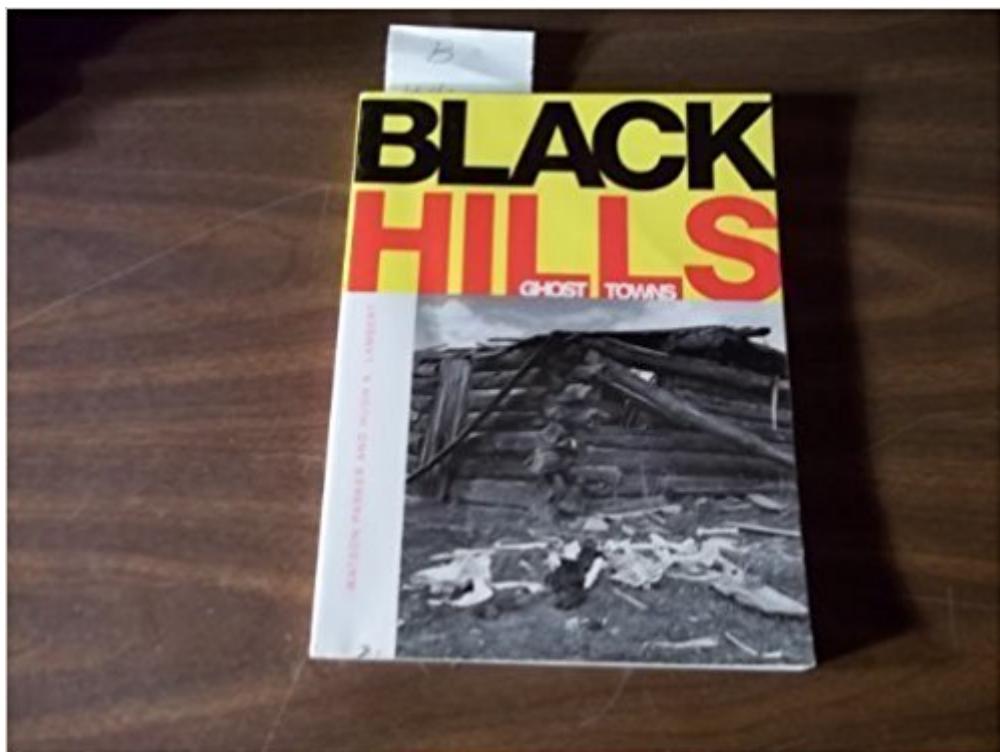


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Black Hills Ghost Towns



Synopsis

The Black Hills have been famous ever since the gold rush days of the 1870s when General George A. Custer's expedition in the summer of 1874 found and advertised placer gold in the Black Hills valleys and a rush to the Hills began. Indian claimants to the area were placated, defeated or ignored and by 1875 a gold rush that continues to the present was under way. The Homestake Mining Company in the Black Hills is today one of the largest operating gold mines in the world. Thousands of unknown miners, merchants, gamblers and soiled doves have come and gone during the century past. And hundreds of towns have boomed and busted, most of them before the beginning of the twentieth century. This book takes a look at the remains of those ghosts: the camps, the stage stops, the communities, the people who made the Black Hills famous. In extensive gazetteer fashion, the authors detail 600 towns and enrich the text with a lavish layout of historical and contemporary photos. Also included are maps and tips on how to locate the ruins of those ghost towns. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Watson Parker by residence and research is a recognized authority on the Black Hills. Author of Gold in the Black Hills, Deadwood and numerous articles and papers on the subject, he is now retired from the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh where he served as Professor of American Western and Military History. Returning to live in the hills, he continues to research the historic area. Hugh K. Lambert has been interested in the area since the late 1930s. An artist and a photographer, he makes Albuquerque, New Mexico his home base. He is Senior Vice President of

Graphics Services with Promotional Marketing, Inc. in Chicago, IL. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I bought this book hoping it would help me find many of these old towns. I knew this book was over 40 years old, so as I wandered though the Black Hills this past summer, I was expecting that many of these Ghost Towns that were still in existence in the early 1970's would be greatly diminished, but in reality, most are totally gone, now. In truth, this book is no longer relevant for someone seeking to see and experience these lost towns (most of them), like I was hoping for, and is now more of a history book.

Decent book. Great photos not as much history detail as I had hoped.

I am an avid explorer of the Black Hills and this book was a huge disappointment. He admittedly hadn't been to half of the sites and its obvious as much of his info. is quite outdated. Some of these places are also on private land which he does not indicate.

Awesome stuff. Wish I'd had it when I lived in the Black Hills.

The authors put a great deal of research into this treasure of old mining and logging history of the Black Hills of South Dakota. The book is an alphabetical listing of 600 towns; some still thriving but mostly ghost towns. The book provides numerous photographs and locations for most of the towns. However, it was written before global positioning devices and does not have site coordinates.

enjoying the book-glad I got it

Nice older book of Ghost Towns in the Black Hills. Some of these towns are gone but it is interesting to read about their history. It can also be used as a guide to the towns that are still there.

great book of history

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