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0.8in. Americas agricultural lands are disappearing quickly, as are stories of the seemingly average, but often extraordinary 19th-century pioneers who farmed those lands. At Home on the Range: George R. McIntosh, Western Everyman tells one of those stories, unfolding an exciting saga extending from 17th-century Scotland to 20th-century California. The traits that enabled his ancestors to overcome huge hurdles also distinguished George McIntosh (1837-1924). Two years after leaving his Ohio home as a solitary teenager, he became a Colorado gold miner and then served with the North in a pivotal battle of the Civil War.

Following the war, he freighted along dangerous routes from Denver to the Missouri River and homesteaded with an ex-slave. His is an Everymans tale, but also that of an individual who, despite poor health, contentious kin, accidents, and natural disasters, persevered on frontier lands to become a prosperous rancher and family man in northeastern Colorado. After graduating with a Masters Degree in Library Science, Robin worked as a librarian before obtaining a graduate degree in Art History. She taught Art History and Humanities courses at the University of Colorado at...



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