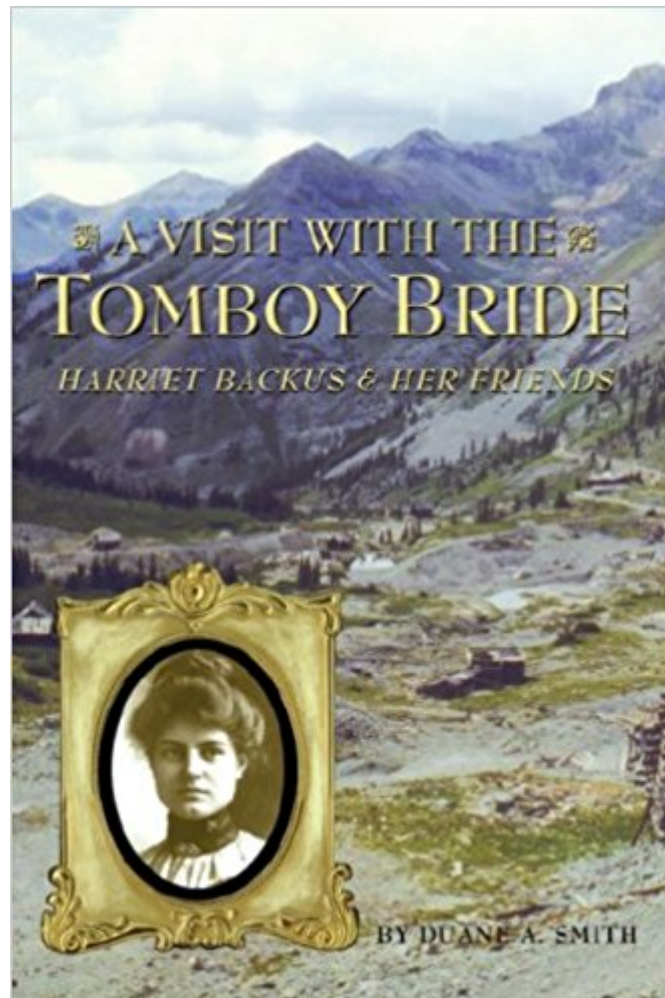




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A Visit With The Tomboy Bride: Harriet Backus & Her Friends



Synopsis

Harriet Fish Backus provided us with fascinating glimpses into an era long gone in her classic book "Tomboy Bride." In "A Visit With the Tomboy Bride" the well-known Colorado historian Duane Smith gives us a further look into her adventurous life at the Tomboy Mine, high above Telluride, Colorado. Harriet wrote to Duane after he reviewed her book in 1970, starting a correspondence that continued until her death. The result was a potpourri of Harriet Backus' life and those of some of her friends at the Tomboy Mine. Smith's book is an exciting trip into a wonderful vista of times gone by, a story of an amazing woman, and the tale of an adventuresome life above timberline in the rugged San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado.

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Customer Reviews

I loved it. It added so many wonderful details that enriched the reading of Tomboy Bride. It was really nice to hear how Harriet's friends lived the same life, but put an emphasis on things that she did not. Because of this book, I have ordered two other books about this same time period and different perspectives on living during the mining boom in Colorado.

Love the San Juan history

This book was recommended by a jeep tour guide several years ago I bought it and have read it several times. I lost the first book so I bought another one. It gives you a great feel on how those people lived, don't know how they did it. loved loved this book

After a Jeep ride that just happened to go through the Tomboy Mine, I read about Mrs. Backus' book on the Ouray, CO website and ordered it here at .com. Of course, they recommended this book as well so I ordered it at the same time. Boy am I glad I did. I enjoyed Mrs. Backus' book so much and didn't want it to end. It was great to be able to pick up Professor Smith's book and learn even more about her life. I swore I would never go up that trail from Telluride again. It is much as Mrs. Backus and Professor Smith wrote and showed-- very scary. But now I want to go back to the Tomboy Mine one more time!

I bought this after having read the Tomboy Bride in College, love the story and these further accounts are interesting when I was left hungry for more.

While this book was in no way as interesting as Tomboy Bride, it still brought further revelations about Harriet's interactions with the other mining families in their tiny community. It is a good, but not great, backward glance.

Wonderfully illustrated with superbly vintage black-and-white photographs, *A Visit With The Tomboy Bride: Harriet Backus & Her Friends* is an impressive and inherently interesting collection of the correspondence that took place between Harriet Fish Backus (author of the classic book "Tomboy Bride") and Colorado historian Duane A. Smith. Delving into the adventures of Harriet's life, and exploring a unique picture of an era gone by in the rugged San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado, *A Visit With The Tomboy Bride* is a unique and enthusiastically recommended contribution to Colorado History reading lists and library collections.

Harriet Backus's 'Tomboy Bride' is a classic - Read it and skip Duane Smith's commentary - repetitious and adds very little worthwhile new information.

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