



The Fatal Affair in Monte Diablo Canyon: The Convict Lake Story-Robbery, Murder and Vengeance in the Old West (Hardback)

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Dog Ear Publishing, United States, 2014. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 218 x 145 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In 1866 a gang from Indiana led by men named Reno and Sparks pulled off the first train robbery in history. Four years later in a copy-cat crime, the Central Pacific Railroad s Overland Express was robbed of over \$41,000 in gold coin by a bunch of petty criminals. Strangely enough, the latter robbery took place near the Nevada cities of Reno and Sparks. It was the West s first train robbery and the first of the new transcontinental railroad. The robbers were quickly caught, tried, and imprisoned, thanks to the determination of a lawman whose dogged perseverance is mindful of Inspector Javert, Jean Valjean s pursuer in Victor Hugo s Les Miserables. A year later the robbers instigated the largest prison escape in the country s history, as twenty-nine inmates breached the gates and scattered. Two men were murdered by rioting convicts. Several others, including Nevada s lieutenant governor, were seriously wounded in the battle at the state prison in Carson City. Six of the convicts headed south and along the way killed a young...



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