Early Painters of the American West –
Before Cowboys and Cavalry:  A Reader's Guide.

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General


Alfred Bierstadt


Albert Bierstadt - Painter Of The American West by Gordon Hendricks. 1988. many prints are B&W

Karl Bodmer

Karl Bodmer's North American Prints. Brandon K. Ruud (Editor), J. Brooks Joyner (Preface), University of Nebraska Press, 2004. 383 p. “This magnificent book is a worthy companion to the previously published volume, Karl Bodmer's America”  “The first comprehensive study of Bodmer’s atlas prints which were originally created for Prince Maximillian’s Travels in the Interior of North America.”


Karl Bodmer's America Karl Bodmer. 1984. Marsha V. Gallagher. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press. All or most of Bodmer's paintings and sketches made in the United States; well reproduced in a fairly large size. Very impressive.

An Indian Winter. Russell Freedman, with paintings and drawings by Karl Bodmer. 1992. Scholastic,
Inc. Based on the published accounts of Prince Alexander Philipp Maximilian of Neu-Wied, Germany, and the artwork of Karl Bodmer. for readers ages 8-12. includes a bibliography.

George Catlin


See also http://www.georgecatlin.org/

Charles Deas

Charles Deas and 1840s America. Carol Clark. University of Oklahoma, 2009. 248 pages. “more than 150 illustrations, 70 in color—is the first book exclusively devoted to Deas” “virtually every painting, by Deas or otherwise, is illustrated in gloriously rich color.” “the full biographical and contextual treatment”

A J Miller


Thomas Moran

Thomas Moran and the Surveying of the American West (Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press, 1992)
Thomas Worthington Whittredge


others:

John James Audubon


Paul Kane

Titian Peale; on Long Expedition of 1820

Samuel Seymour; on Long Expedition of 1820