



Jean Baptiste Charbonneau: Man of Two Worlds (Paperback)

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Booksurge Publishing, United States, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The 19th century American West was a place to dream about and migrate to, but speculation ended soon after visitors crossed the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. What lay before them was a vast landscape of brawny rivers, arid plains, jagged mountains and other extreme natural conditions. This formidable environment forced people to quickly adapt, or fail. One man who made extraordinary adjustments to these challenges was Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the son of frontier couple Sacagawea (Shoshone) and Toussaint Charbonneau (Metis). He also became the adopted son of William Clark, co-leader of the great Lewis and Clark expedition. Contradictions haunted Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, a man of both Anglo and Indian worlds. He was raised in Clark's affluent, powerful domain and spent six years in a European kingdom. But after returning to America, he unaccountably chose to live and work in the wilderness. How and why did this educated, courtly man thrive among rugged, violent, unlearned adventurers and omnipresent danger? What were his remarkable, significant historical accomplishments? The text tracks him over two-thirds of the American continent and...

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