

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Deep Enough - A Working Stiff in the Western Mining Camps

Author: Frank A. Crampton

Publisher: University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK, 1982. (First published in 1956 by Sage Books of Denver, CO)

Current availability: Gold Hill Books, P.O. Box 1523, Longmont, CO 80502. tel: (303) 651-2985
Price: \$22, plus \$3 shipping.

This autobiography of Frank A. Crampton, who at the age of 16 ran away from his wealthy New York home to head for the western mining camps, is both informative and totally enthralling. I found it a difficult book to put down once I started it.

Arriving in Cripple Creek in 1904, after riding the rails as a bindle-stiff, Crampton found employment as a mucker in the Portland Mine. Taken under the wing of two experienced miners, we follow Crampton as he travels from mine camp to mine camp. He describes in great detail all aspects of mining in such camps as Cripple Creek, Goldfield, Grass Valley, Wickenburg, Randsburg, Ludlow, Jerome, Bingham Canyon, Idaho Springs, Butte, and others.

During his career in the western mining camps Crampton was a miner, assayer, surveyor, mining engineer, and mine owner, as well as a long-time member of the Western Federation of Miners. He describes in vivid detail his experience of being trapped underground for 10 days in a collapsed mine shaft. Crampton was in San Francisco during the great earthquake and witnessed the Ludlow Massacre in Ludlow, Colorado.

I would recommend this book to anyone interested in the historical aspects of mining. My copy was obtained from The Book Lode, 3060 15th St., Boulder, CO.

Dave Johnson

Open Invitation from Dave Johnson

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The Resurrection of Sterling Hill

is the title of an article by Pete Dunn and Bernard Kozykowski, published in the *Mineralogical Record*, volume 22, September-October 1991 issue. The authors have provided a brief history of mining in the Sterling Hill ore deposits of Ogdensburg, N.J., site of the present Sterling Hill Mining Museum. The article describes the museum grounds, tours, and exhibits, and is illustrated with many excellent photographs, including some stunning color photographs of the famous fluorescent minerals found at this locality.

More on the Full Moon

The photos below shows the original Full Moon Carbide lamp manufactured by A.H. Funke, which follows exactly the Baldwin patent of 1900.

