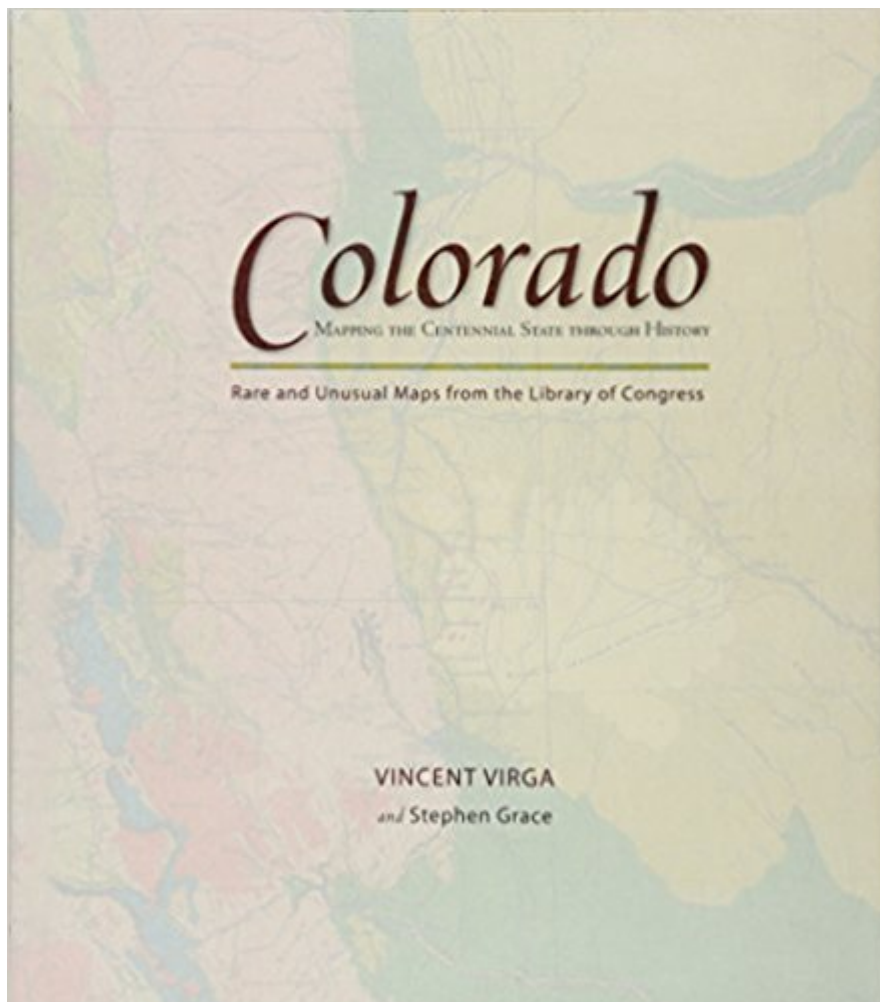




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# Colorado: Mapping The Centennial State Through History: Rare And Unusual Maps From The Library Of Congress (Mapping The States Through History)





## Synopsis

A stirring trip through the history of the Centennial State through gloriously detailed, fascinating maps from the Library of Congress - 50 full-color historical maps from the Library of Congress- Informative captions on each map's origins- Essays by Colorado author Stephen Grace on how maps reflect the history, culture, and sensibilities of the state and its residents through time- A foreword by Vincent Virga describing the library's collection and the state's maps

About Mapping States Through History This is the first series to assemble a full color, state-by-state an in-depth collection of rare, historically significant maps of the cities, states, counties, towns, and events that make up each of America's fifty states. Produced in collaboration with the Library of Congress and edited by renowned photo editor and author Vincent Virga, these books offer a glimpse into the history of the United States through the maps and their narrative captions. Each map thus becomes a virtual time machine that tells us much about the places we live in today. Compelling historical essays by a local writer complement Virga's foreword to further help weave the cartographic record into a drama of settlement and change.

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In a sense, the State of Colorado was born not on August 1, 1876 when President Ulysses S. Grant signed a proclamation admitting it to the Union as the thirty-eighth state but on the day this great land was first depicted on a map. Over the centuries, each such map has become yet

another precious link not only in the history of the state, but also in the ever evolving  
“Colorado” as imagined by its residents and, more broadly, by the rest of America.  
Colorado: Mapping the Centennial State through History provides a fascinating journey into the past  
of the Centennial State through gloriously detailed maps from the Library of Congress. Edited and  
with a foreword by renowned photo editor and author Vincent Virga, it also includes compelling  
historical essays by Colorado writer Stephen Grace. Together, these further weave the visually  
stunning cartographic record into a drama of settlement and change. Mapping States  
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collection of rare, historically significant maps of the cities, states, counties, towns, and events that  
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and their narrative captions, as well as Vincent Virga’s foreword and historical essays by  
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A stirring trip through the history of the Centennial State illustrated by gloriously detailed maps from  
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of Congress Informative and enlightening captions about each map’s origins  
and its place in the evolution of state history Evocative essays by Colorado  
author Stephen Grace on how maps reflect the history, culture, and sensibilities of the  
state and its residents through time A foreword by renowned photo editor and author  
Vincent Virga describing the library’s collection, the state’s maps, and  
the place of cartography in shaping the American imagination. “A map is an image. It makes  
the world more real for us and uses signs to create an essential sense of place in our imagination.  
Like the movies, maps helped create our national identity, and this encyclopedic series of books  
aims to make manifest the changing social order that invented the United States, which is why it  
embraces all fifty states.” from the Foreword by Vincent Virga

I’d be the first to admit that I’m a map junkie. Maybe in another life I will be (or have been) a  
cartographer. I found the maps fascinating and a unique way to connect various historical periods in  
Colorado’s history. The written material that accompanies the maps is informative and interesting,

and it does a good job of explaining the significance of the map images. One thing I would recommend is a good quality, illuminated magnifying glass, as some of the details are impossible to decipher without magnification.

I found this in a local bookstore while browsing the Colorado section. I usually buy my in-laws Colorado history books every year for Christmas, as they both have lived in the state their entire lives and are really interested in history. Sometimes it's hard to find new ones they don't have, so I was very pleased to find this book. The book itself just looks very elegant. Each map is in color and is very high quality and has information to go with it. It was very interesting to find areas that interest our family in the book to see what it looked like in the past. But please note, there are no photographs... only maps. There's enough photographic Colorado history books out there, so it's nice that this is different but still interests the same type of people. I highly recommend this book to any Coloradoan that enjoys history and/or cartography.

Since I am a native of Colorado, this book helped me figure out how the counties came to be as well as other valuable information. The only thing I would change is some of the small print on the maps which I realize is probably not possible. All in all, very pleased with this book.

A beautiful book, of historical Colorado maps. Well illustrated, and a pleasure to you.

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