

But Redstone, the model company coking town in the Crystal River Valley where Osgood built his mansion, is discussed in the last seven pages of chapter two, and then never reappears. Past that point, the story becomes mostly an account, albeit a good one, of the events and decisions leading to and extending from the Ludlow Massacre. In the telling of that story Osgood himself disappears from the text for pages, even chapters, at a time.

From Redstone to Ludlow is the tenth in the University Press of Colorado's excellent and growing "Mining the American West" series. It is attractively produced, sufficiently illustrated, and well edited, save for the singular decision to make "coalminer" one word.

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Larry Jacobsen. *Jewel of the Kootenays: The Emerald Mine*. West Vancouver, BC: Gordon Soules Book Publishing Ltd., 2008; 335 pp., color and b&w photos, maps, tabs., glos., append., ref., paper, \$29.95. ISBN: 0978164010

The Emerald Mine, near Salmo, was located high in the mountains of southeastern British Columbia close to the American border. It produced lead and zinc, but was principally a tungsten mine, first worked in 1896. The Emerald achieved prominence, however, from the late 1940s into the early 1970s, joined by a couple of neighboring properties.

Perhaps the Emerald is not dead, since exploration work continues in the new century, as the price of tungsten rises. "Will the Emerald, like the phoenix of myth, arise out of its ashes and return to life? We don't know. But you can bet that the people of Salmo and the surrounding areas will be eagerly waiting for it to happen [p. 14]."

Author Larry Jacobsen worked at this mine during his mining career, and when he found out it was going to close he set out to save its history.

He interviewed and corresponded with a wide spectrum of people who worked at the mine and lived in the surrounding area. This is a major contribution to mining history.

The book's first forty-six pages recount the mine's and the district's history. Then Jacobsen swings to the core of the book, which is the interviews he conducted with over ninety women and men who had worked there.

The interviews, which took place over several decades, cover a variety of topics and experiences. As might be expected, some are more valuable and interesting than others. Their real significance, however, lies in the fact that they were undertaken and history was preserved. Few other mining properties can claim to have such a complete story, from miner to wife to manager. Photographs of the individuals involved add another dimension.

The concluding chapter, "The Dark Side of Mining," includes fatalities, health and safety problems, and dangerous occupations. The glossary of mining terms will be especially valuable to those unfamiliar with mining slang and terminology.

Author Jacobsen is to be commended for his persistence, dedication, and enthusiasm. He has encompassed a mine and a district, plus its people, into a volume that is a tribute to a time now gone.

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Michael G. Impero. *The Lone Jack: King of the Mount Baker Mining District*. Bellingham, WA: Michael G. Impero, 2007; 180 pp., numerous color and b&w photos, 3 maps, ind., paper, \$24.95. ISBN: 1604027044

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