

these mining engineers is an asset, as are quotes from other period sources. The University of Nevada Press has included graphics, maps, and photographs in this worthy addition to its respected Mining and Society Series.

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Christine A. Bradley and Duane A. Smith. *The Once and Future Silver Queen of the Rockies: Georgetown, Colorado, and the Fight for Survival into the Twentieth Century*. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado, 2019; 323 pp., 206 b&w photos, notes, ind., paper, \$32.95. ISBN: 9781607326076

Together with *The Rise of the Silver Queen* by Liston Leyendecker, Bradley, and Smith, *The Once and Future Silver Queen of the Rockies* provides a wonderful history of the tiny Rocky Mountain mining town of Georgetown, Colorado.

The area that later became Georgetown began its mining journey as a small gold mining camp in the summer of 1859. By the mid-1860s, however, the area's gold return dwindled and rich deposits of silver ore began to support the mining industry in the area.

Over the next thirty-plus years, Georgetown experienced the typical ups and down of the mining industry, but one event, the November 1893 repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act, was a major blow to its economy. The industry struggled into the 1930s and 1940s, but by that time silver mining was nearing an end. The Crash of 1929 helped trigger that destruction.

Georgetown had to then look elsewhere to shore up its economy. Even though the 1890s was a time of financial uncertainty in the silver-producing districts of the West, tourism had already become an important buttress to Georgetown's economy. By the 1960s, the ski industry was burgeoning and historic preservation became

another financial mainstay.

The *Once and Future Silver Queen of the Rockies* provides a good description of life in Georgetown between the 1890s and 1960s. In fact, with the abundant photographs in the book, it is a veritable "Who's Who" of Georgetown's history. The photographs provide grand visual images of the life and times of many of Georgetown's historical figures, and provide a glimpse of the social side of life there.

The inclusion of at least two maps would have aided the reader unfamiliar with the Georgetown area. One map of Georgetown proper, showing streets, historic buildings, and other sites of interest mentioned in text would have helped, as well as another map showing the region, including the Argentine District and the location of significant mines and mills.

As James E. Hansen II suggests in the Dedication of *The Rise of the Silver Queen*, Georgetown's history is more than written records, it is "also the homes where people lived, the business buildings where they earned a livelihood, and the mines where they toiled and sometimes died." With *The Once and Future Silver Queen of the Rockies*, Bradley and Smith complete the story.

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Billy M. Williams. *Playing in a Big Boy's Sandbox: ASARCO's Mission Mining Complex*. Tucson, AZ: Billy M. Williams, 2018; 140 pp., numerous b&w and color photos, ref., append., ind., CD with additional maps, cloth, \$65 (e-mail: cubillw@comcast.net). ISBN: 9780692199626

In thinking of Arizona mining history, locales such as Bisbee, Jerome, Morenci, and even Tombstone come to mind, yet the area a few miles south of Tucson has one of Arizona's oldest recorded mines, which is part of the ASARCO Mission Mine Complex. *Playing in a Big Boy's Sandbox*