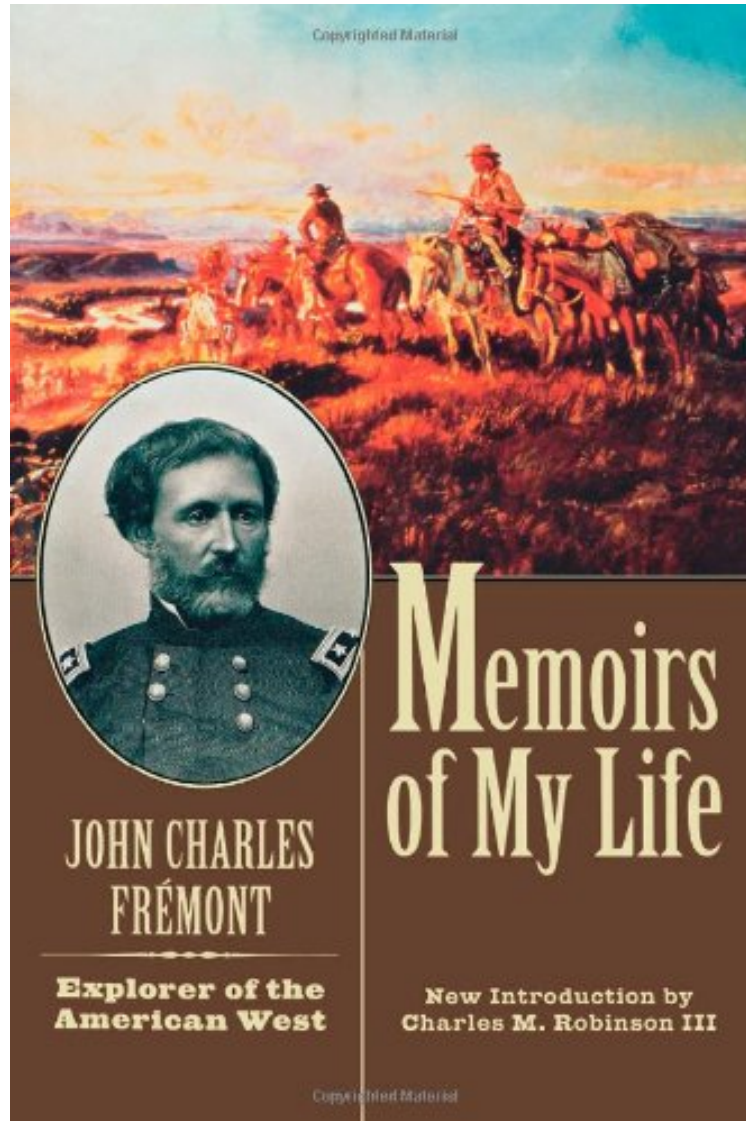


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During his remarkable life, John Charles Fremont served as a senator for the newly-formed state of California, led Union troops in the Civil War, and was governor of the territory of Arizona. His race for the presidency in 1856 brought prestige to the fledgling Republican Party, yet despite his popularity, his uncompromising determination to abolish slavery cost him the election. For all of his experiences in politics and the military, it was the earlier decades of Fremont's life that were the most exciting. Shortly after graduating from college, he joined a mapping expedition and surveyed the hills of South Carolina and Tennessee for the government. Eager to continue exploring, Fremont went on five more expeditions to America west of the Appalachians during the years from 1839 to 1846. He traveled up the Missouri river, crossed the Rocky Mountains, and reached the West Coast on several journeys, often with his friend Kit Carson, the legendary mountain man. In *Memoirs of My Life*, Fremont recounts those years in the wilderness, encountering the fabulous landscapes and native people of America's interior before the westward expansion of the U. S. His journeys across the unmapped prairies, mountains, and deserts offer a wonderful glimpse of North America's natural grandeur in its original state.

I find it impossible to describe the hardships through which we passed, nor am I capable of doing justice to the credit which Fremont deserves (Christopher "Kit" Carson, legendary mountain man and Fremont's guide) John Charles Fremont was the explorer extraordinaire of the first half of the nineteenth century... In Fremont's time, west of the awesome Mississippi-Missouri River system was seemingly endless, featureless void, shown on maps as the 'Great American Desert.'... By his explorations Fremont revealed the true nature of this desert. He shrank the region into something comprehensible and showed the nation that it might be habitable. This, undoubtedly, was his greatest achievement. The republication of the "Pathfinder's" fascinating 1887 *Memoirs* opens a window to the past and reveals vivid descriptions of panoramic sites and virgin landscapes never before seen by a white man. These help show the contemporary reader the true importance and far-reaching significance of Fremont's bold explorations in encouraging Western settlement. (History Teacher) About the Author John Charles Fremont (1813-1890) was an explorer, California Senator, Republican presidential candidate, Civil War general, and Territorial Governor of Arizona. Charles M. Robinson III is the author of *The Men Who Wear the Star* and *A Good Year to Die*. He lives in San Benito, Texas.