



Captain Bayleys Heir: A Tale of the California Gold Fields

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Fireship Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 314 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.8in. With 32 pages of additional articles, references, and bibliographies of recommended reading. The California Gold Rush began in early 1848 when gold was discovered by James Marshall at Sutters Mill. In the next few years some 300,000 people flocked to the gold fields to make their fortune; and we think of it as a peculiarly American event. It wasn't. Indeed, the prospectors came from all over the world—the UK, Europe, Australia, Latin America, and China, to name but a few. This book is the story of one of those overseas adventurers. Frank Norris was quietly living in England, an heir to a considerable fortune, when his world was suddenly turned up-side down. His cousin, a rival heir, laid a trap for him, resulting in Frank being accused of theft. To avoid these charges he flees to America, where he begins a cross-country trek to the California gold fields. Despite the arduous journey, he makes it to California only to discover that his difficulties have just begun. As you read along you might be struck by Henty's use of standard western plot fixtures like wagon trains,...



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