

# Download The Ungodly A Novel Of The Donner Party

No work of fiction has rendered this remarkable epic of ordeal with more vividness and power than Richard Rhodes's novel of the Donner Party, *The Ungodly*. Upon its initial printing in 1973, Rhodes's masterful tale was praised for its realistic and gripping depiction of the struggles faced by that ill-fated group of men, women, and children. Now, more than thirty years later, Stanford University Press has reissued this harrowing and haunting novel. If you like "humans vs nature" stories, you will probably like this book about the infamous Donner party and their ill fated wagon train to California in 1846. This book is kind of hard to get into. Part One is written in a diary or travel log format and I found that hard to read. However, once you get through that part, the book really picks up. One group, the Donner Party, braver or more foolhardy than the rest, chose an untried route that would shorten the distance. It did. It also subjected them to obstacles so formidable that it cost many of them their lives. His Donner party is not just literate but far too modern in their sensibilities. The effect is subtle, like the wrong herb in a sauce. The effect is subtle, like the wrong herb in a sauce. The journalist's eye approach falls into difficulty almost immediately, when the action splits into two, then three, and eventually four or more venues.