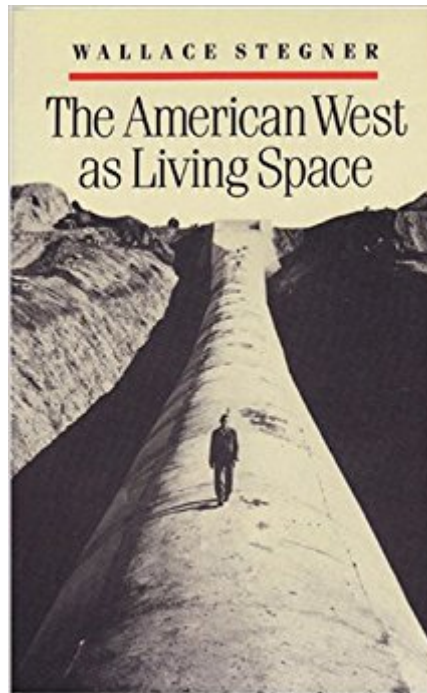




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Wallace Stegner is a novelist, historian, biographer, and short story writer. He has won both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award for fiction. This book derives from the William W. Cook Lectures delivered at the University of Michigan Law School in October, 1986.

These three essays are crisp, clear statements of Wallace Stegner's beliefs about the influence of the American West on American consciousness. Please note, however, that these three essays appear with 13 others in Stegner's book *Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs*. With a total of 16 essays, that book is a much better value than *American West as Living Space*.

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