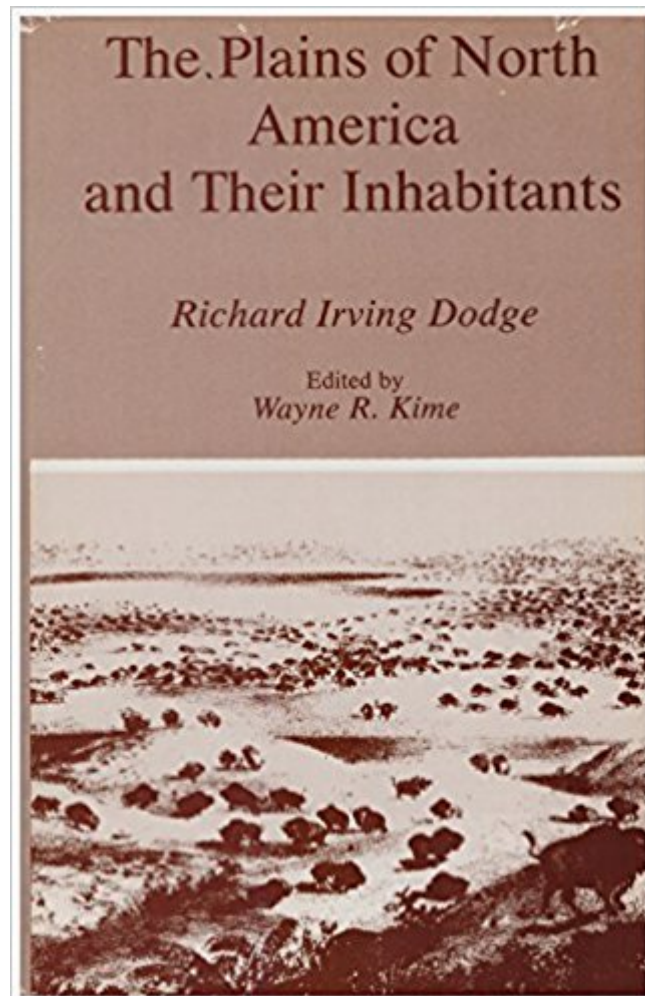




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Col. Richard Irving Dodge graduated in 1848 from West Point and served in the Civil War, the campaigns against the Indians in the 1870's and as a regimental commander until his death in 1895. His book was also published in England and was translated into German in 1884 where it was very popular. The edited version in 1989 follows much more closely his original manuscript.

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