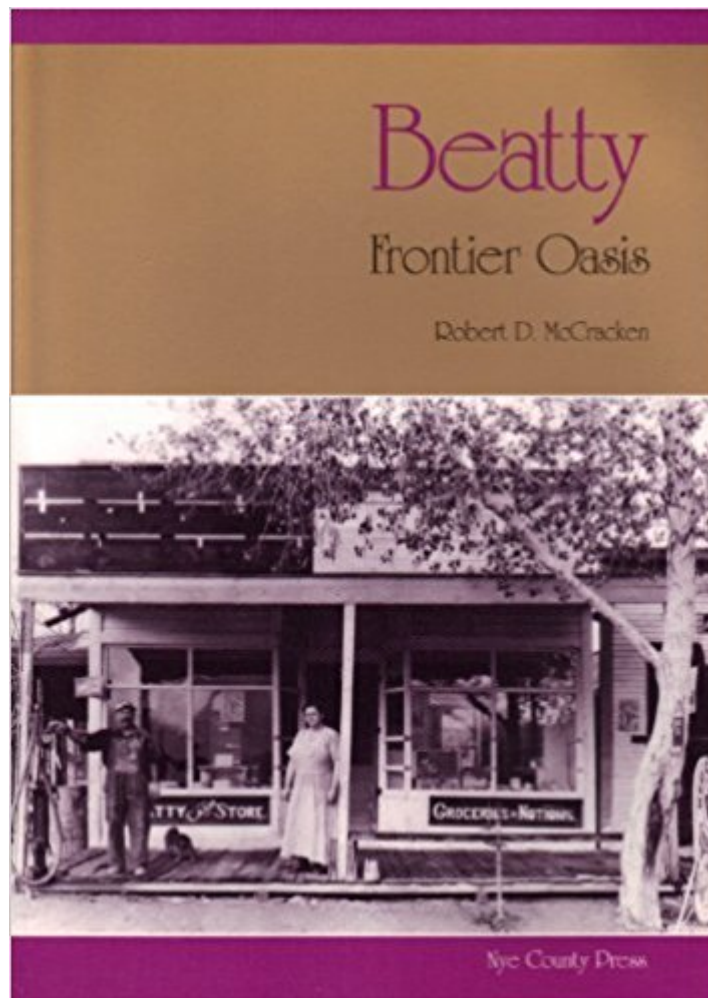


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When I travel to Death Valley National Park, I stop at Beatty, NV. As you look over the area, it seems rather a lonely spot, and I ask myself why did they built a town here? Robert McCracken has done a lot of research in this part of Nevada along US 95 from Tonapah to Pahrump and the Amargosa Valley. Sometimes considered the last frontier in the lower 48 states. He answers the question of why, and how this community goes through glory and hardships through the 19th century and beyond. The photographs, the author illustrates the strength of survival, hardships and perseverance of the community. It is the only book I know that covers the human history of Beatty and Mr. McCracken has done a wonderful job. Easy pace reading but full of good historical information.

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