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PREFACE

This bibliography has been developed in answer to a persistent demand on the part of instructors and students for legendary material pertaining to the state of Colorado.

The majority of the myths and legends included are those of the early Aztecs, the Utes, Arapahoes, Cheyennes, Pawnees, Kiowas and Kiowa Apaches, Navajos, Pueblos, Comanches and Shoshones. In many cases these tribes have lived not only in Colorado but in neighboring states, and their legends have become a part of the literature and history of those states also. This is especially true of the Pawnees, who roamed over much of Kansas and Nebraska; the Pueblos, whose homes dotted southern Colorado and northern New Mexico; the Navajos and Apaches, who still occupy lands in Arizona; and the Utes, many of whom have since found homes in Utah.

The sources of this legendary material have been widely scattered, and in many instances the legends are fragmentary, or have been told only in the crudest way, but it is hoped that these references may assist the student to find much that will be of value in the study of the early literature and history of Colorado and her neighbors.

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