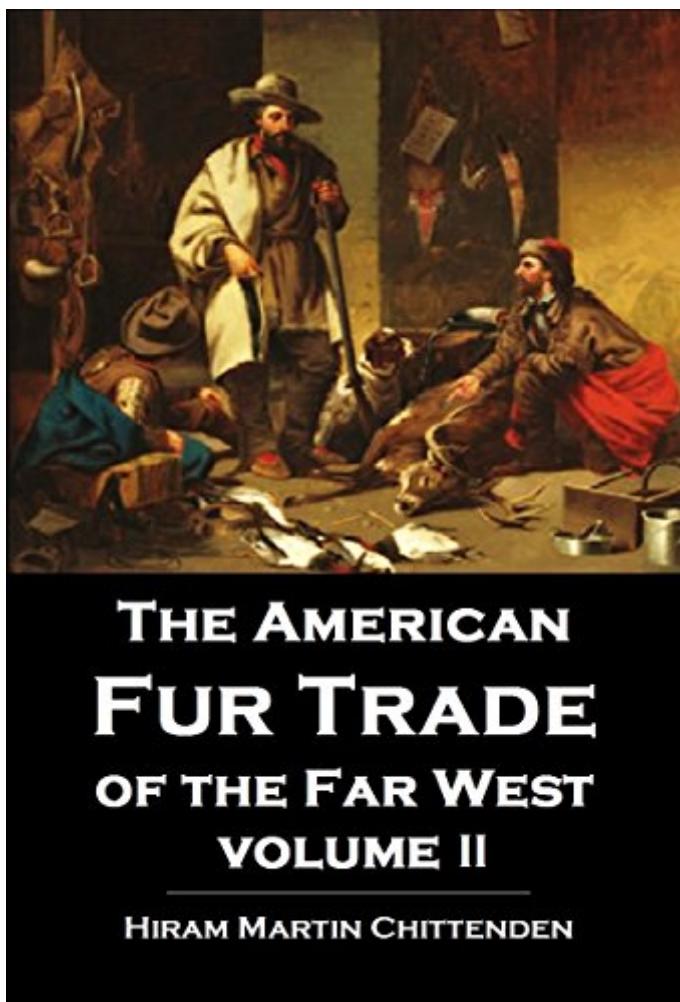


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I just wanted more stories and less facts.

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