

Cahn, Albright Collaborate On NPS History

**THE BIRTH OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:
The Founding Years, 1913-1933, by Horace Albright as told to Robert Cahn. 1985. Howe Bros.,
an Institute of the American West book. 340 p.
\$19.95, hardcover; \$10.95 softcover.**

From its cover photo (Yellowstone falls) and its title page (the three Tetons) through the liberally illustrated text (historical photos and line drawings) to the back cover shot of Bob Cahn and Horace Albright in 1981, this is a personal memoir worthy of any library. If the collector is intent on achieving a complete picture of the National Park System and Service, this will be one of many volumes he will need; for the truth of the matter is that both Service and System have never been defined in all their evolving complexities.

Few people, however, can present a longer continuous thread in the emerging tapestry than Horace Albright, second director of the Service at whose birth he was, together with Stephen Mather, a mid-husband (if not exactly mid-wife). The 96-year-old Albright not only retains all his sparkling marbles, he uses them to create a scintillating pattern of "how it all came to be" for the talented pen of his own Boswell – Bob Cahn. The result is a fascinating facet of the complex national jewel that is the combined National Park System and Service.

A colorful review, by columnist Hugh Sidey, appeared in the Dec. 23, 1985 issue of *Time Magazine*.

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