

“[T]HIS IS MORE THAN A BURIAL GROUND. THE SITE IS A PORTAL INTO MIGRATION, MEMORY AND EUGENE’S PLACE IN THE WIDER WORLD.”

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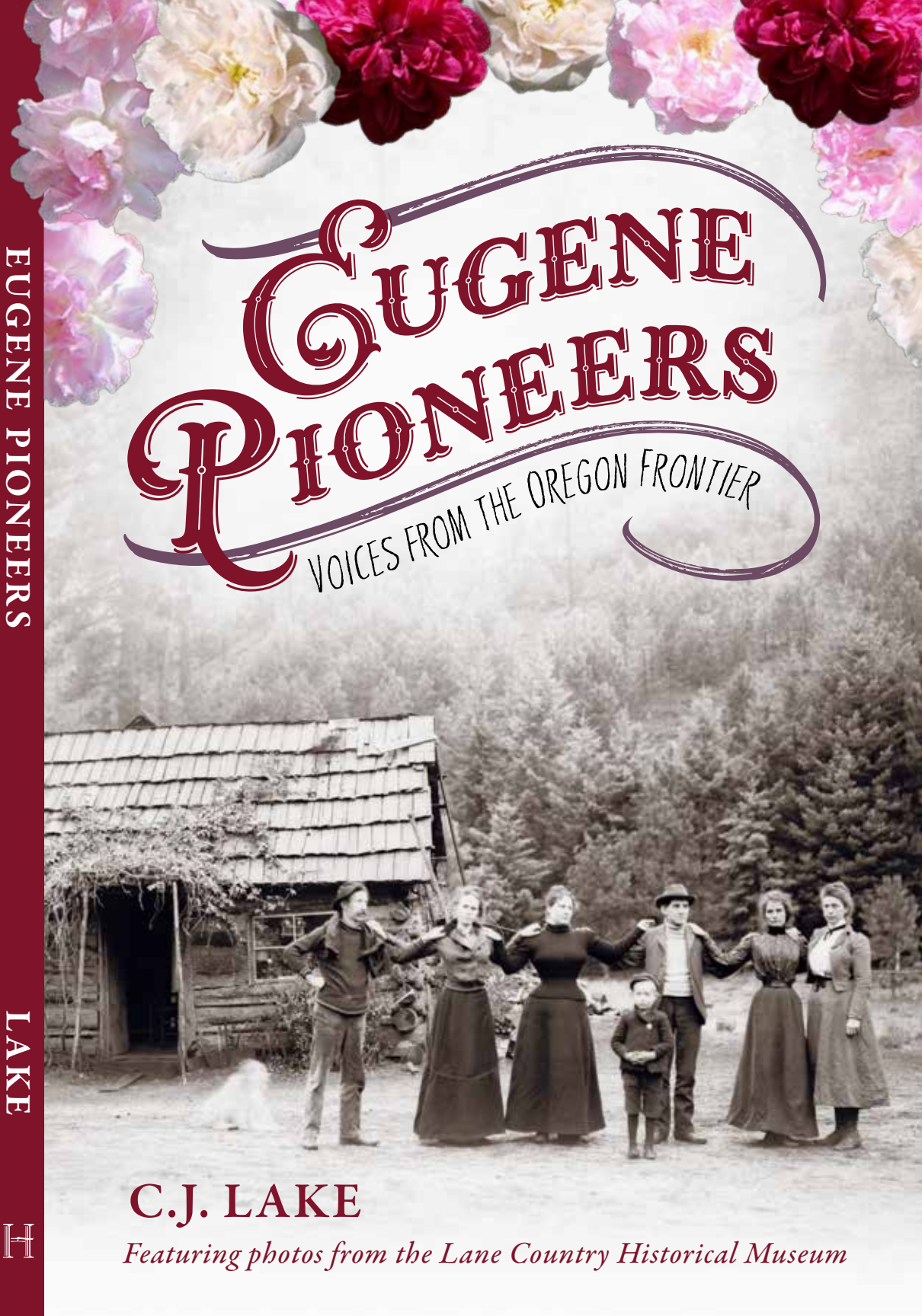
Across the high plains and rugged mountain passes of the Oregon Trail came thousands of settlers seeking a new life, and for many, the burgeoning city of Eugene became their new home. The newcomers were fur traders and farmers, physicians and soldiers, teachers and hoteliers—each of them adding a new facet to the region’s character and identity. Among them were Norton E. Winnard, a frontier doctor and a founder of the Eugene Hospital, and Judge J.J. Walton, who helped establish the University of Oregon. Many of them found their final resting places at the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, a Civil War–era burial ground that stands as a testament to the time they lived in, as well as the lingering influence of those first arrivals. Set against the backdrop of the nineteenth century’s great upheavals, this collection brings to life the intertwined destinies of pioneers, immigrants, and Native people in the Pacific Northwest. Drawing from archival photographs, letters, and public records, author C.J. Lake illuminates the human stories behind Oregon’s extraordinary everyday pioneers.



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