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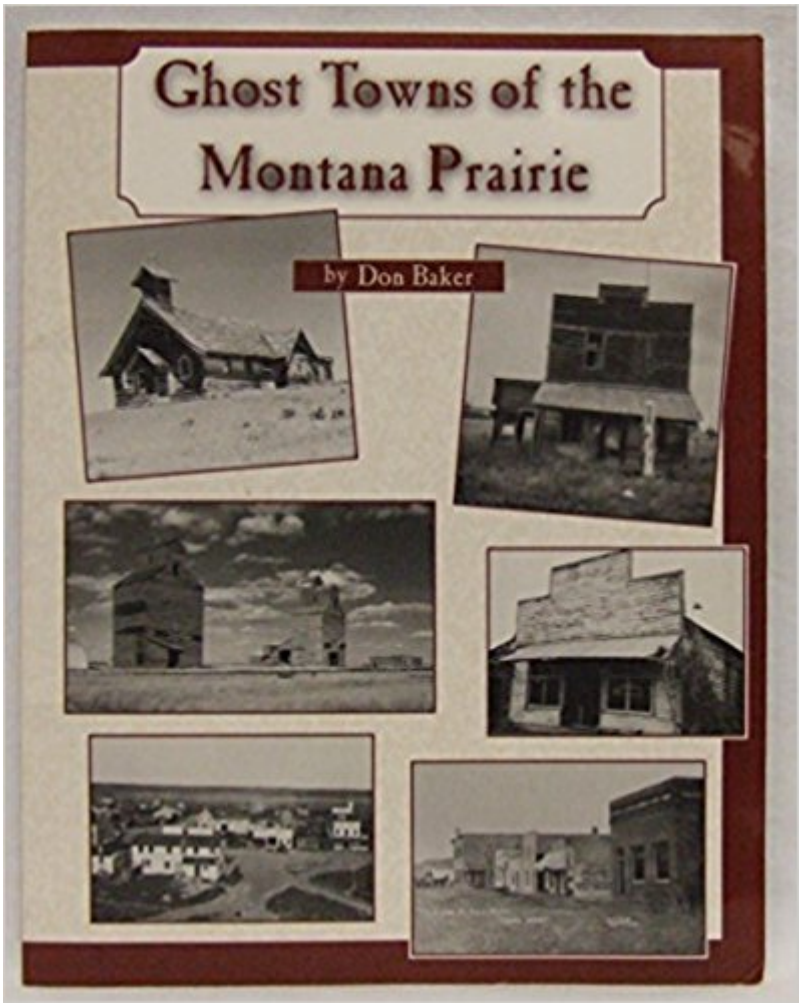

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good info on non-gold rush ghost towns

Don Baker has put together a handsome little book dealing with ghost and near-ghost towns located in the eastern half of Montana. He begins with an in-depth chapter on the influence of the railroads on settlement, and then a short chapter each on homesteading, ethnic communities, pioneer politics, and a couple of poems about places lost to time. Then comes the main part of the book: an alphabetical listing of the towns, from Aldridge to Whitlash. Descriptions of each town and usually a photograph are included (there is usually something still standing in these town worth seeing). The only thing missing are maps - there are none (most placenames are still listed on recent detailed highway maps, however, but not all; DeLorme’s Montana topo map book is useful). I had a chance to use this book this summer on a trip to Montana and found it to my liking. Well done!

This is an interesting, well written book. The towns profiled are described in both their past "glory" and their current state. There are many good pictures and engaging accounts from old timers who where in on the boom. I just wish there was a better map to help place these towns. This is a welcome addition to my collection.

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