



## The Letter: A Family's Quest For A New Life In Western Montana.

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By Johnson, Rod.

Stoneydale Press Stev, Stevensville. Softcover. Book Condition: New. 208 pages. Softcover. New book. AMERICAN WEST. The third novel in a trilogy based on the adventurous and resourceful lives of the great-grandparents of author Rod Johnson of Great Falls in the Territorial and early statehood days of Montana titled "THE LETTER" in which the family copes with triumph and tragedy in its efforts to cross the continent by wagon train and establish a home in the Bitterroot Valley has been released by Stoneydale Press of Stevensville. Officially labeled "THE LETTER: A FAMILY'S QUEST FOR A NEW LIFE IN WESTERN MONTANA" the book tells the story of Catherine and Champion Kinney, who came to Montana by wagon train in the 1860s and settled on Burnt Fork Creek in the Bitterroot Valley near the famed St. Mary's Mission and Fort Owen (now Stevensville) where Champion became one of the first freight haulers when Montana was still a Territory. He and Catherine were the founding pair of what became one of the Bitterroot Valley's most notable families. A letter Catherine receives in which she learns of tragic news serves as the foundation of the book. It was in the Bitterroot Valley that Johnson grew...

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