

The Adventurists

By Bob Weldin



This adventure novel begins in an old underground mine in the North Cascades of Washington, next to the Canadian border. Danger, romance and intrigue follow Sara and Brad through the Idaho Primitive Area and the treacherous canyon of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. They sometimes stray from their work plans to search for a lost gold mine or prospect for gem stones in the rugged Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho.

It's the summer of 1967, a time before GPS, cell phones or laptops. The geologists work in pairs but frequently have to split up to cover more territory. They carry Brunton compasses, which are used to map mineral deposits, but in their case sometimes used to find their way back to camp or to the nearest road out to civilization.

The Adventurists is a sequel to The Dry Diggin's Club. The main protagonists, Sara Mullin and Brad O'Conner characterize two of the many geologists charged with determining if valuable minerals occur in primitive or wild US Forest Service lands being considered for inclusion in the US Wilderness System.