Railroaded: A conversation with Richard White and Bill Deverell at the California Historical Society

Across the Continent: Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way, Currier & Ives lithograph, 1868

Dear friends and colleagues,


And on Thursday, March 1, at 6pm you can join the provocative, illuminating conversation with Richard White and historian William Deverell at the California Historical Society in downtown San Francisco.

Railroaded is a new, incisive history of the transcontinental railroads and how they transformed America in the decades after the Civil War. With characteristic originality, range, and authority, Richard White shows the transcontinentals to be pivotal actors in the making of modern America. But the triumphal myths of the golden spike, robber barons larger than life, and an innovative capitalism all die here. Instead we have a new vision of the Gilded Age, often darkly funny, that shows history to be rooted in failure as well as success.

We hope you'll join us for this fun and informative evening at the California Historical
Society's grand historical headquarters at 678 Mission Street in downtown San Francisco.

To RSVP, click here.

I hope to see you there!

Yours truly,

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