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Mabel Parsons

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Truly remarkable if you understand how this book was made . . . By Cusi This is the remarkable tale of Mabel Parsons as a Fred Harvey tour guide in New Mexico in the 20's and early 30's when the railroad was bringing tourists from 'out east' for the first time. The manuscript of this tale was given to her housemate, Ann Nolan Clark to use in her teaching of Tewa (Tesuque) third-graders. Ms. Clark was looking for a way to get the children to open the books and learn to read, rather than avoiding them out of fear for how to unlock the secrets of the books that only white people knew how to do. This manuscript became the text for the class to type-set, print, and bind and ultimately learn how books come from what people think and write, and not from some uncertain 'magic'. Ms. Clark later went on to write the Newberry Award-winning "Secret of the Andes" in 1963. She relates the origin tale of "A Courier in New Mexico" in her career biography, "Journey to The People" (Viking, 1969), p. 54-60. It's a remarkable story, along with her whole career. Once you realize how this 'courier' book came about, you study its details and child-colored crayon maps with wide-eyed wonder as the late-depression era history comes alive in front of your eyes!

Hand made book made Mabel Parsons and the third grade class of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tesuque, New Mexico school. The book contains five hand-colored maps made on craft paper.