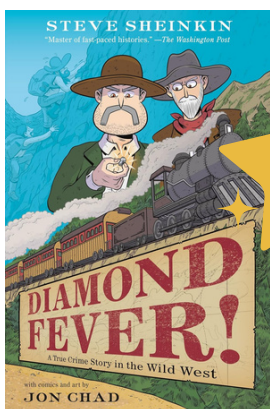


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Diamond Fever

by Steve Sheinkin



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Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Late one night two travel-weary miners, Philip Arnold and John Slack, show up at a businessman's office in San Francisco. The miners seem nervous. They've got something that needs to be locked in a safe overnight. What is it? Well, that really has to stay secret, but it's...DIAMONDS! And lots of them. Had these two miners just discovered America's first diamond mine? Well, this is the Gold Rush era after all. Plenty of people are striking it rich. Anything is possible. When word of the find hits the streets, diamond fever sweeps the country. Wealthy investors are desperate to elbow Arnold and Slack aside and seize control—but can they persuade the miners to reveal the location of their bonanza? At the same time, thousands of prospectors fan out across the mountains and deserts of the West—will one of them find the site before greedy bankers grab everything for themselves?

Who Wrote It?

Steve Sheinkin writes true stories that read like action movies—and that makes sense, because as a kid, he dreamed of becoming a filmmaker! Steve loved adventure stories about buried treasure, sea voyages, and even shark attacks. Steve also loves drawing comics and created The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey after receiving hundreds of rejections from publishers. Before becoming an author, Steve wrote history textbooks, but he wanted to tell the exciting, weird, and unbelievable true stories that textbooks often left out. Today, when Steve isn't researching spies, criminals, secret missions, and other fascinating moments



from history, he enjoys kayaking, playing tennis, cross-country skiing, cooking, and trying to perfect homemade pizza in his wood-burning oven. You can learn more at his website: www.stevesheinkin.com

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