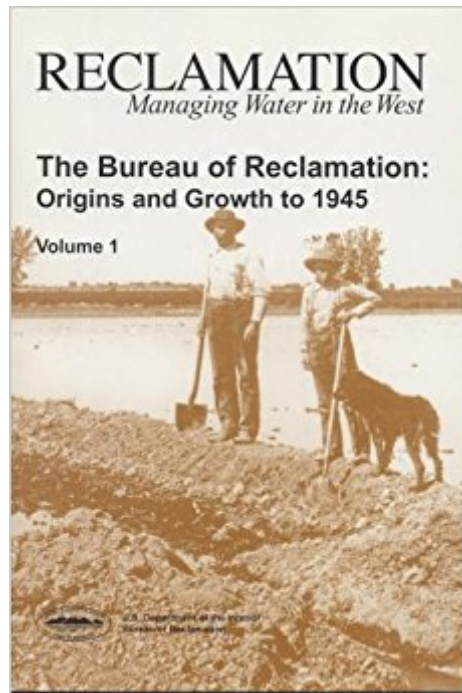




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# **The Bureau Of Reclamation: Origins And Growth To 1945, Volume 1**



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