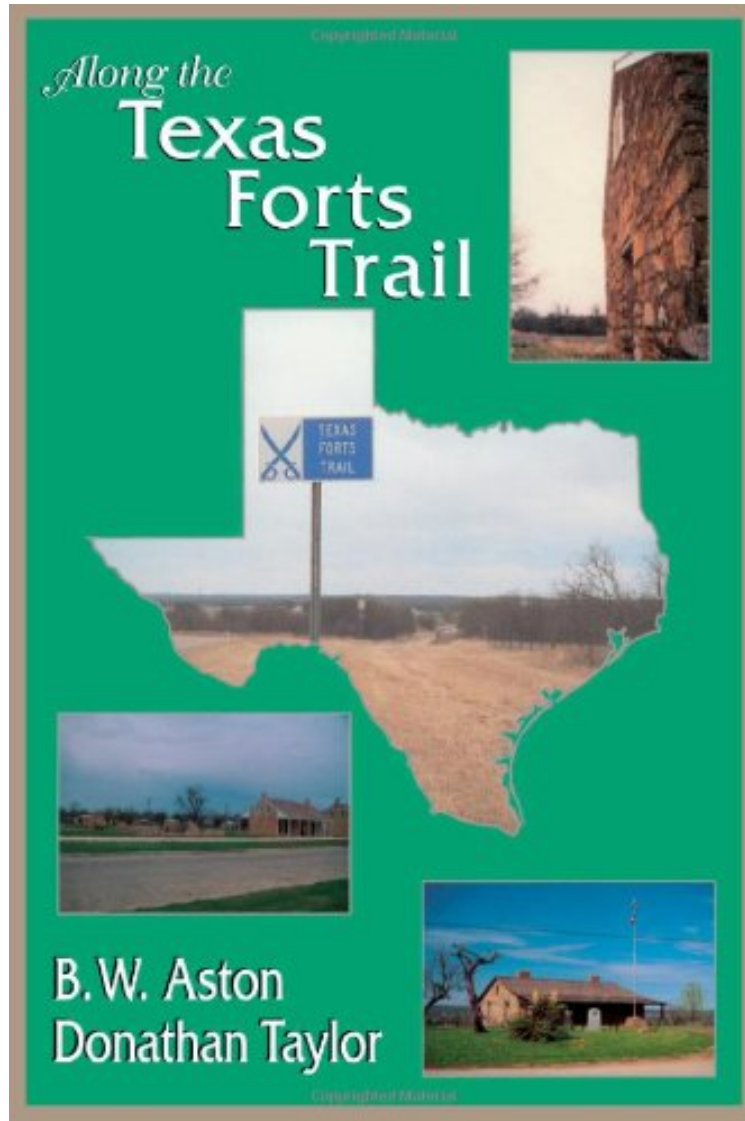


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The task of providing military defense for the Texas Frontier was never an easy one because the territory was claimed

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.com This is a historical account, adventure story, and travel guide all in one. With driving directions, places to eat and sleep, and points of interest along the way, Along the Texas Forts Trail is an indispensable resource for anyone planning on touring one or many of the forts along this historic trail. After the Mexican War, the federal government established these forts to defend the new territory from the Comanches, Kiowas, Apahes, and Lipans. Abandoned during the Civil War, the forts were later restored and now provide an interesting glimpse into part of U.S. history. Stretching from Fort Richardson near Jacksboro in the north to Fort McKavett near Menard in the middle of the state, anyone interested in this slice of Texas's past will find Along the Texas Forts Trail an essential guide. About the Author B. W. Aston was chairman of the History Department and director of the Rupert N. Richardson Research Center at Hardin-Simmons University. Donathan Taylor is Associate Professor of History at Hardin-Simmons University.