



Switzerland: A Village History (New edition)

By David Birmingham

Ohio University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Switzerland: A Village History (New edition), David Birmingham, Switzerland: A Village History Is An Account of an Alpine village that illuminates the broader history of Switzerland and its rural, local underplanings. It begins with the colonization of the Alps by Romanized Celtic peoples who came from the plain to clear the wilderness, establish a tiny monastic house, and create a dairy economy that became famous for its cheeses. Over ten centuries the village, like the rest of Switzerland, went through the traumas of religious reformation and political revolution. A single currency, a unified postal service, and eventually an integrated army brought improved stability and prosperity to the union of two dozen small republics. Yet Switzerland's enduring foundation remains the three thousand boroughs to which the Swiss people feel they truly belong. In Switzerland: A Village History, distinguished scholar David Birmingham tells the story of his childhood village - Chareau-d'Oex - where records of cheesemaking date to 1828. The evolution of this ancient grazing and forest economy included the rise of the legal profession to keep track of complex deeds, grazing allotments, and animal rights-of-way. Switzerland's eventual privatization of communal grazing land...



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