



## The White River Ute War Colorado, 1879: The Ute War: A History of the White River Massacre by Thomas F. Dawson and F. J. V. Skiff, Besieged by the Ute (Paperback)

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