

tell me that those who do not know the author will regard the *relation* of the whole as fiction; these friends are correct; there is nothing *fictitious* about the work save the *relation*, and this of course is the Author's prerogative."

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WAR IN KANZAS: *A Rough Trip to the Border, among New Homes and a Strange People.* By G. DOUGLAS BREWERTON. Published by Derby & Jackson, New York, 1856. 12mo. pp. 400. Price \$1. The Author visited Kansas as the special correspondent of the New York Herald, in order to keep that Journal posted up in relation "to the important political events"