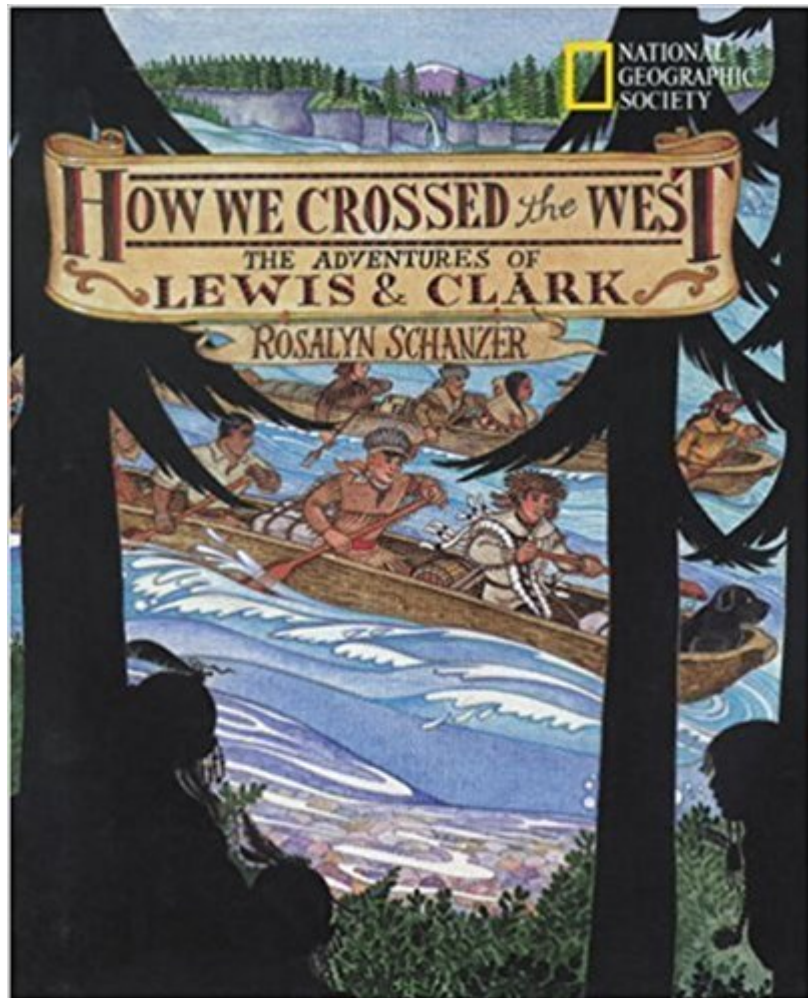




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Synopsis

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In a starred review, PW wrote, "Schanzer ferrets out the kind of details that make for an intelligent and lively rendition of the famous trek. A must-have for anyone with an interest in American history." Ages 8-12. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

A simplified version of the diaries of Lewis and Clark; in an introduction, Schanzer explains how she condensed much of the excitement and adventure of the 40 volumes into this one. The book follows the route mapped out on the end papers, beginning with President Jefferson's request that the two explore the west, and ending when Lewis and Clark return two years later to St. Charles (near St. Louis), long after everyone thought they'd died. In that time the two men discovered many new animals and plants, met with Indian tribes, and created new maps of the uncharted territories.

Schanzer often breaks up the page into a series of vignettes with captions, effectively covering many of their experiences in a small space. Her drawings include portraits of the members of the expedition and other details that make an already authentic text all the richer. (Picture book/nonfiction. 6-10) -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

non-fiction can be as good as fiction with the right writer. this book hits the target head on. Quote from my son: "why can't schoolbooks lay out history in a fun way? this book is so fun to read and my social studies book in school is so boring!"

This book just grabs my children's attention -- they love it. The reading level is very manageable (even for 1st or 2nd graders, but older kids are absorbed by the information, too)), and the graphic layout makes learning easy and fun. We read it many times on our long drive along the expedition route -- one of our favorite books from the entire Lewis and Clark summer.

This book is great. I purchased it for a Westward Expansion project my third grader was working on. It tells the tales of Lewis and Clark's expedition with fun facts, interesting stories, and has great pictures.

We homeschool and I discovered Andrea's books while compiling the curriculum and each time he finishes one he asks to read another book by her. (He started reading them when he was 10 and is now 11.)

The adventure and thrill of the Lewis & Clark Expedition is brought to life here in a story that both children and adults could appreciate. In beautiful and carefully rendered folk-style illustrations, and with descriptive text from the actual journals of the participants, the book has the appearance of something that almost could have been written in the early 1800's, when the expedition occurred. Rosalyn Schanzer's personal interest in the subject, especially the journals and the Indian tribes, seems to bring out the best in the storytelling, which primarily illustrates the first 1 1/2 years of the Corps of Discovery's journey to the Pacific Ocean. The story is accessible and easily understood, yet the attention to detail should satisfy those trying to learn, and even researchers in this important chapter in early American History.

This book gives a synopsis through a cartoon-like retelling of the different situations and experiences of the Lewis and Clark exploration. It sifts through the detailed accounts of the official diaries and gives the reader an abbreviated account in a fun, easy-to-read format.

It's very simplified and a fast read, about an hour. It touches on the high points. It was made to be a children's book although it is all in Lewis and Clarks' own words. There's a map that roughly shows the way they went.

This was purchased as a gift for a grand-child but read first by a retired Montana history teacher who especially loves anything related to Lewis and Clark. She was delighted with it. (The grand-child hasn't received for Easter it yet.)

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