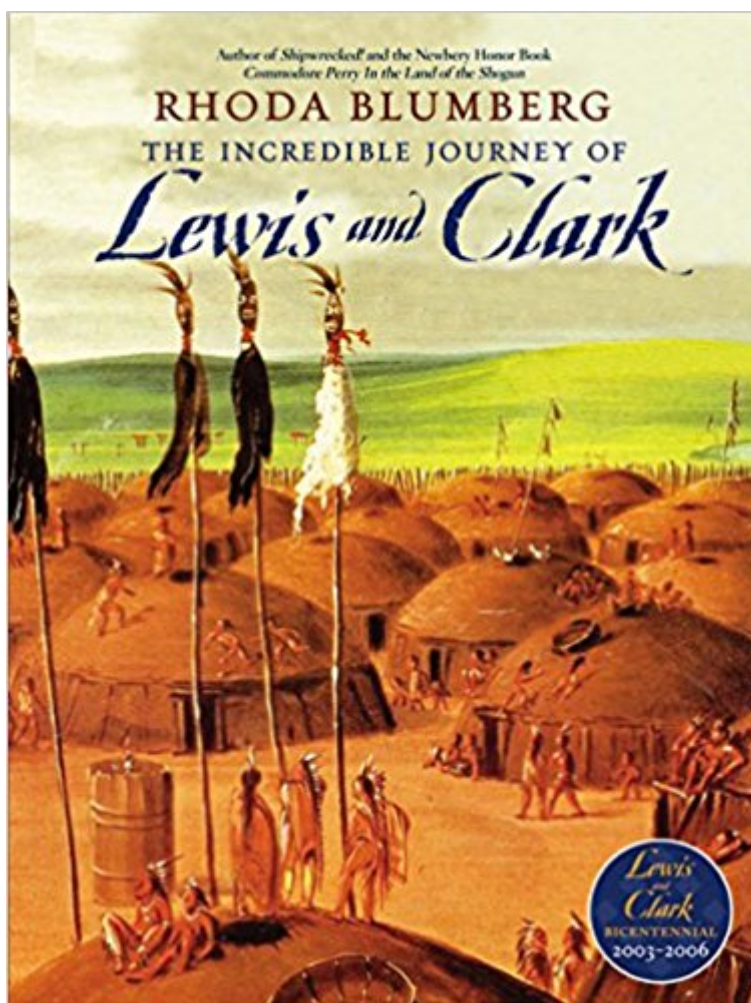


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Blumberg's meticulously chronicles the explorers' westward odyssey in clear text, original art and archival photos; a PW Best Book of 1987. Ages 8-up. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5 Up The Lewis and Clark expedition, that staple of American history courses, is given a fresh account here. Blumberg explores a confrontation between two cultures, in a manner which is sympathetic to and revealing of the feelings of both peoples. She describes the experience of entering those lands west of the Mississippi, uncharted territory when President Jefferson proposed the expedition in 1803. The 16 chapters which follow the journey are arranged chronologically, concluding with the return of the explorers in 1806. The text is clear and often entertaining, with concrete details to bring historical events to life. Blumberg is refreshingly frank about the humanness of the expedition's members and the relationships that they had with some of the native Americans. The concluding chapter is a rather hasty summing up, but final sections, which include

detailed chapter notes and an "Aftermath" about the later lives of prominent members of the expedition make up for this. Much care has been taken throughout the book to use and refer to primary sources, both in text and illustrations, which are generally well reproduced. Blumberg is not a great prose stylist; the text is often flat, and her people don't come to life. Where she shines is in the imaginative use of extensive research to tell, compellingly and entertainingly, stories from history. She respects her subject and her audience: an approach which makes this an outstanding choice to introduce young readers to this seminal American event. Christine Behrmann, New York Public Library

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One of the best books for children published. It makes the people who took part in the Corps of Discovery come to life. As they set out on this great adventure where no American citizen had ever gone before, the reader feels the excitement. The author tells of the training and preparation that went into the trip. Her story brings the reader along for the journey.

We have done quite a bit on Lewis and Clark, including driving the Lewis & Clark Trail three summers ago. (For that trip, this book was indispensable: *Traveling the Lewis and Clark Trail, 4th (Falcon Guide)*) What I like about this book are the illustrations and the age -- this is great for upper grades who maybe aren't ready for Stephen Ambrose's *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*, but still want high quality writing and history. Great maps and illustrations. This is a keeper.

As a teacher, this book was helpful in terms of providing great pictures and overall ideas. However, I found that the maps, some dates, and stopping points are historically incorrect. Therefore, I do not use it in planning my lessons. I use it only for pictures.

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