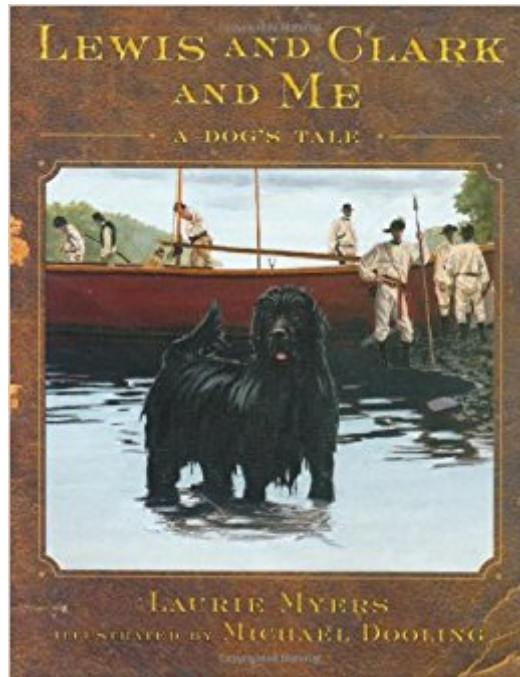




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Lewis And Clark And Me: A Dog's Tale



Synopsis

A dog's account of one of the most extraordinary expeditions of all time. "Dog and man can fit together like no others do. Lewis and I had that fit....How did we get that close? I think the wilderness had something to do with it. Lewis and I would have been close anywhere, but the wilderness brought out the best in both of us. We were made for that territory." In 1803, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set off on a journey to explore the vast territory of the United States west of the Mississippi River. Accompanying Lewis and Clark and their team of explorers through this uncharted wilderness was Lewis' dog Seaman. Lewis and Clark and Me is Seaman's story. From his first meeting with Lewis, to being mistaken for a bear by Indians who had never seen such a large dog, to his encounters with wild animals both familiar and unfamiliar, Seaman's tales are filled with the joys of companionship and the tingling excitement of adventure. Seaman's stories are based on information provided in the explorers' journals. The book includes many of these direct quotes from the original text as well as a detailed map showing the highlights of this amazing expedition.

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Meriwether Lewis's dog Seaman serves as narrator for a fictionalized account of Lewis and William Clark's 1803-1806 journey from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean in *Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's*

Tale by Laurie Myers, illus. by Michael Dooling. Excerpts from Lewis's journals close each chapter, supplying the historical basis for the dog's adventures. Handsome silhouettes ornament the chapter openers, while numerous oil paintings enliven the pages. Ages 8-12. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Grade 3-6-Seaman, a highly intelligent and sensitive dog that accompanied the Corps of Discovery, introduces youngsters to this exciting epic of United States history. The chapters are based on accounts in Lewis's journals, from which a relevant quote closes each fictional episode. The focus is on the canine's encounters with other animals: squirrels, bear, buffalo, beaver. Myers is a dog lover, and that respect comes through in the dignified portrayal of Seaman. Attractive, realistic paintings illustrate the book, giving a feel for the period and, most importantly, a visual personality to Seaman. This title is different in focus, and for a younger age group, than Gail Langer Karwoski's Seaman (Peachtree, 1999) and more readable than Roland Smith's The Captain's Dog (Harcourt, 1999). Nancy Collins-Warner, Neill Public Library, Pullman, WA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

I am *so glad* I got this book. If you're like me, you're thinking, "Lewis and Clark from the DOG'S point of view, huh? Too weird." It's not. This book does such a great job with Lewis's personality, and with putting your child in touch with the expedition. My second grader (not an emotional person) couldn't stop reading it. It's a bit of a tearjerker -- the love between dog and man. Absolutely worthwhile, and one of the best books we've read all year. This edition is beautiful -- the cover and the dust jacket, the beautiful illustrations -- this is a very high-quality book.

Super good read.!!!

I brought this for our Grandkids and the fact my husband and I love Lewis and Clark. The illustrations are wonderful and it's factual considering it's told by the dog. Wonderful Book.

What fun! Seeing the expedition through the dog's eyes was wonderful, and the actual notes from Lewis' journal were an excellent addition. The chapters are short, random accounts from the trip, so it's not sufficient for a history lesson, but it engages the reader so much that my fifth-grader chose to read a biographical story about the two men after reading this.

Short stories from the point of view of Meriwether Lewis' dog of things that happened on their expedition. Includes excerpts from Lewis' journal and the story of how he got his dog. A fun read. My children ages 8-13 really enjoyed it.

My son and my husbandd loved this book. Reading for the dog's perspective was great.

Excellent, journal-style treatment of Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery as told through the eyes of the dog who had been chosen to accompany the explorers.

Bought for English as Second Language friends who are visiting us out West this summer. An easy read and fun.

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