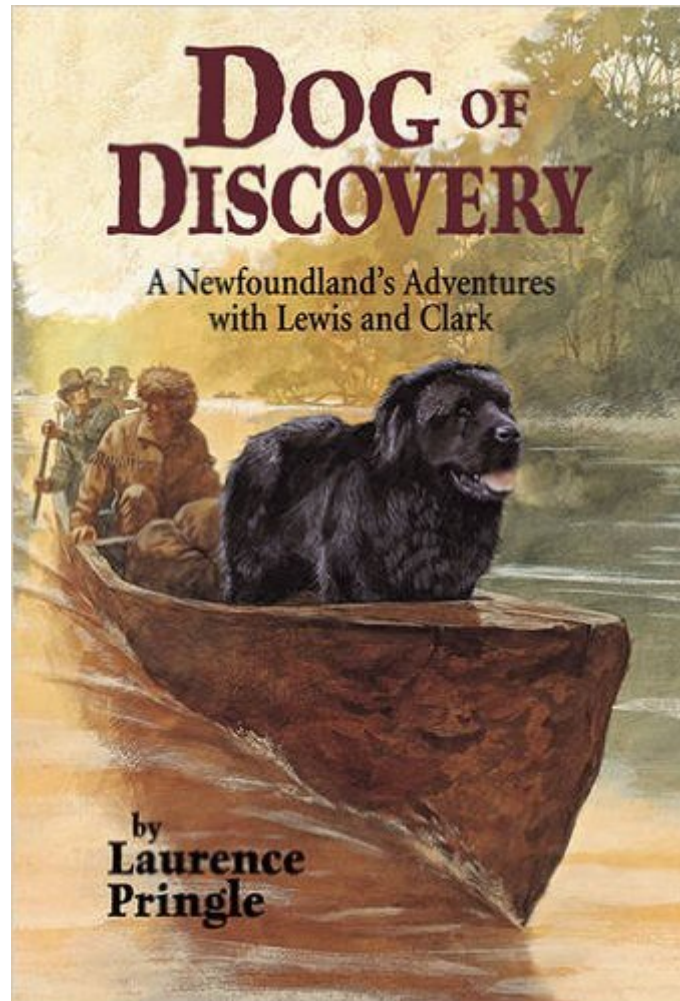


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Dog Of Discovery: A Newfoundland's Adventures With Lewis And Clark



Synopsis

Meet Seaman, the Newfoundland dog who joined the Lewis and Clark expedition into the uncharted western wilderness. Seaman was much more than the faithful companion of Captain Lewis. Seaman risked his life many times and served the Corps of Discovery as a hunter, retriever, and guard dog. This richly detailed account of the expedition includes its planning, its adventures and discoveries, and its aftermath. During the trek from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean and back, every member of the Corps of Discovery suffered from hunger, insect bites, injuries, and close calls with death. Noted children's author Laurence Pringle follows the expedition closely and highlights the adventures of Seaman as they appear in the journals of Lewis and Clark. Pringle also offers evidence, first revealed in 2000, about what happened to Seaman after the journey's end. With intriguing sidebars, historical illustrations, journal excerpts, and original art, this account of the Corps of Discovery features the remarkable dog that was the expedition's most unusual member.

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Customer Reviews

This non-fiction book easily held the attention of my children ages 6-11 years old. Every evening when I put the bookmark in, they begged for just a "one more day". Although the book has four lengthy chapters, it is also divided up into days in a journal format. The original quotes from the

explorer's journals are added in with the author's description of the day's happenings. As another review said, the author does a great job making the reader aware of the difference between conjecture and historical fact where Seaman, the dog, is concerned. I did not give it five stars because there were several places in the writing where the verb tenses shifted from present to past tense or vice versa within the paragraph, making it just slightly confusing as to whether the author was speaking or the author was quoting an original journal entry. I just felt a little more editing would have made it even that much better. All in all, well worth the read. It has earned a place on our shelf.

I used this book in my classroom to teach about Lewis and Clark's journey. My students loved reading from the point of view of the dog, Seaman. This is a great book to use with kids who enjoy animal stories.

The Dog of Discovery was an exciting book to read. The main characters are Lewis, Clark and Lewis' dog Seamen. The main idea of the story is how Seamen helps Lewis and Clark on their expedition on the Missouri River. I think this book is exciting in parts. Some of the other parts were a little bit dull. One of the exciting parts was when Seamen warned Lewis about a bear that was snooping around the camp. There are a lot of Indians involved in this story. One of the dull parts of the story was when they were going through the mountains. It was dull because the crew pulled the boat up the river day after day. There are not a lot of sad parts in this book. That is why The Dog of Discovery is an exciting book to read.

Dog of Discovery takes an unusual perspective looking at Lewis' and Clark's expedition - a new and refreshing focus on Seaman, the faithful Newfoundland accompanying Captain Lewis. It offers many amazing, well-researched day-to-day details that tend to fall by the wayside in conventional reportages. The style is lively and easy to read, but the book is not only for youngsters. Adults will find it just as compelling and hard to put down. Highly recommended!

A very well organized, enjoyable, and informative book. The author does a good job of explaining which parts of the story are true history and which parts are fictional. Although fast-paced and fun, this book is packed with accurate information about the Corps of Discovery. The only reason I did not award five stars was that I didn't think the story matched the title. I didn't get the feeling that Seaman, the dog, was central to the story. However, I would still highly recommend this book to parents and teachers who want their children to learn about Lewis and Clark in a way that they'll

remember.

What a nice way to learn part of history of the United States...for children or adults.Good - book.....
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