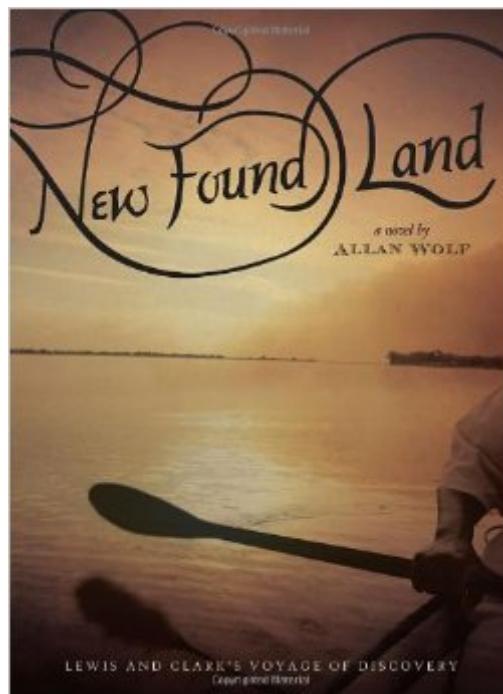


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"New Found Land," by Alan Wolf.

http://www..com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0763621137/qid=1114056055/sr=2-1/ref=pd_bbs_b_2_1/102-6991206... This book, billed as suitable for grade seven and up, caught the eye of a geezer. It's a novel written in first person poetic form in fourteen different voices, all principals of the Lewis and Clark expedition, The Corps of Discovery. The title voice is none other than that of Seaman,

Meriwether Lewis's big black bear of a Newfoundland dog--known to himself as Oolum. New Found Land is a story of a land at the dawn of its transition to a new existence, one that we know today as the western half of the United States of America. Other voices are Lewis himself, Clark, Thomas Jefferson, George Shannon, the Fields brothers, others of the expedition, and of course, Sacajawea. Of course, it wasn't really New FOUND Land. It had been found some 10,000 years earlier, before the pyramids were built. But to the members of the expedition, and to many of us who love their story, it WAS NEW Found Land. This work is a blend of the actual words from the Journals, and what might have been said by the characters as they made their daily discoveries. I like its poetic style, unique among all the books I've read about this adventure.

I loved this book - it is great historical fiction. The story-telling is great, and you pick up a lot of facts and information about the actual Lewis & Clark trip (without it getting boring or tedious). The style of writing takes a little getting used to - it is written in a poetic style, and each "chapter" is written in first-person by one of 14 different people. But, you get used to it. A plus for me was that each "chapter" is only 1-3 pages in length - so I could read small, complete pieces when I could find time. The author does include actual passages from journals kept on the trip, and mixes these passages well with both fictional and non-fictional accounts of the trip. I particularly enjoyed following the stories of Reuben and Joseph Fields.

Written in a very unique format that is a little hard to get used to at first, but once I got used to it I enjoyed the book very much. I like that it tells about events from different viewpoints. I liked how the end deals with some of the harsh realities of what life was like after they returned. There is also a section at the end that basically tells about each character and what we really know about them vs. any literary license that was taken by the author. That is typical of historical fiction, but I liked the format this author put it in--its written more like a list so it is easier to follow, especially with so many characters. Some of the chapters are written from the viewpoint of their dog--those seemed a little strange to me, but still it worked ok. It must be hard to get copies of the book. I am a school teacher so I ordered copies to use with a class last year and they came two or three at a time over several weeks. By the time I got all of them I had probably waited 3-4 weeks. This year I am ordering about twenty more. I ordered them about a week ago and they still haven't shipped yet and it actually says on the page that sometimes they take 1-2 months to ship! I'm used to quick shipping and didn't really notice that when I placed the order. It isn't a big deal to me because I don't plan to use them soon, but be prepared for a wait. If its just one copy I don't know if the wait is as long, but if you want

this in a week it probably will not happen. Update.. Ordered on Oct. 1st. Received email from on Oct. 25th saying they are still not available to ship and that the new estimated delivery date is between Dec. 4th and Jan. 6th. That is three months after I ordered them! I went to Barnes and Noble and ordered them and about half will ship in two days, the other half in about two weeks. Normally I prefer to Barnes and Noble, but not in this case.

I love poetry and history and found this book to be an intriguing blend of both. I've read many books on Lewis and Clark's voyage - even the best have a tendency to become tedious with the (mis)spelling and deluge of details. Mr. Wolf tells the story of the trip from the aspect of many different characters - including Seaman, the Newfoundland dog. This would be an excellent book for teachers to read aloud to their students - it's also a great introduction to poetry - don't be put off if you're not a poetry fan - you will like it!

I purchased this book for my grandson for Christmas last year. He was struggling in reading, except when it came to history where he just couldn't get enough. Lewis and Clark enthrall him and he found this novel fascinating.

This is an amazing historical fiction account of the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery. In Idaho, students are spoon-fed Lewis and Clark starting in the fourth grade. By the time they get to 8th grade, students think they know everything there is to know about the Corps of Discovery. This novel opens up their eyes and their minds to so many more possibilities, and the understanding that, "Yes, you're right Mrs. Baker, I guess there are still some things about the Lewis and Clark journey that I don't know." And they enjoy it! Beyond that, my husband, who is only satisfied with reading non-fiction, enjoyed it. I loved it. It is exceptional. The content/vocabulary is not so difficult that those with lower reading abilities will be put off, as they are, for example, by Undaunted Courage. Read it. You will be glad you did!

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