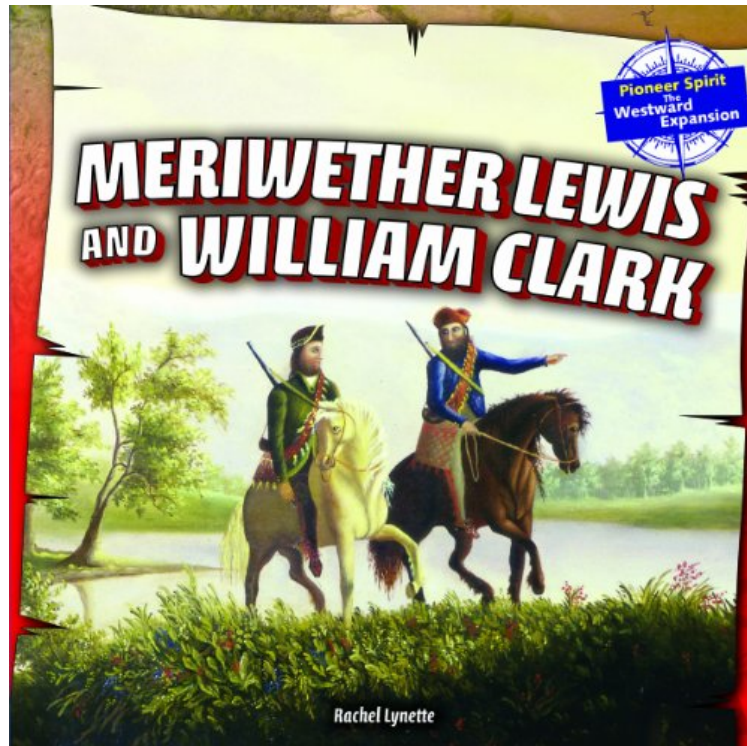


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Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were the two figures at the heart of the Corps of Discovery. Students will learn how these two men first met and how they came to be tasked with this expedition. Along the way, kids will learn about the adventures and hardships faced by the Corps, and how these events along with land, people, and animals never before seen by people from the Eastern US were dutifully recorded in their journals. Biographical information provides insight into the men's lives before and after the Voyage of Discovery.

From School Library Journal Gr 2-4-Concise, well-organized content makes these slim volumes a lot more informative than a cursory glance suggests. Short chapters (one to two pages each) chronicle the causes, effects, events, and people that figured in the westward expansion. The writing is concise but packed with facts. For example, Gold Rush explains that, "Passengers traveled on dirty, crowded ships for six months or longer. Food often spoiled and water was not

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