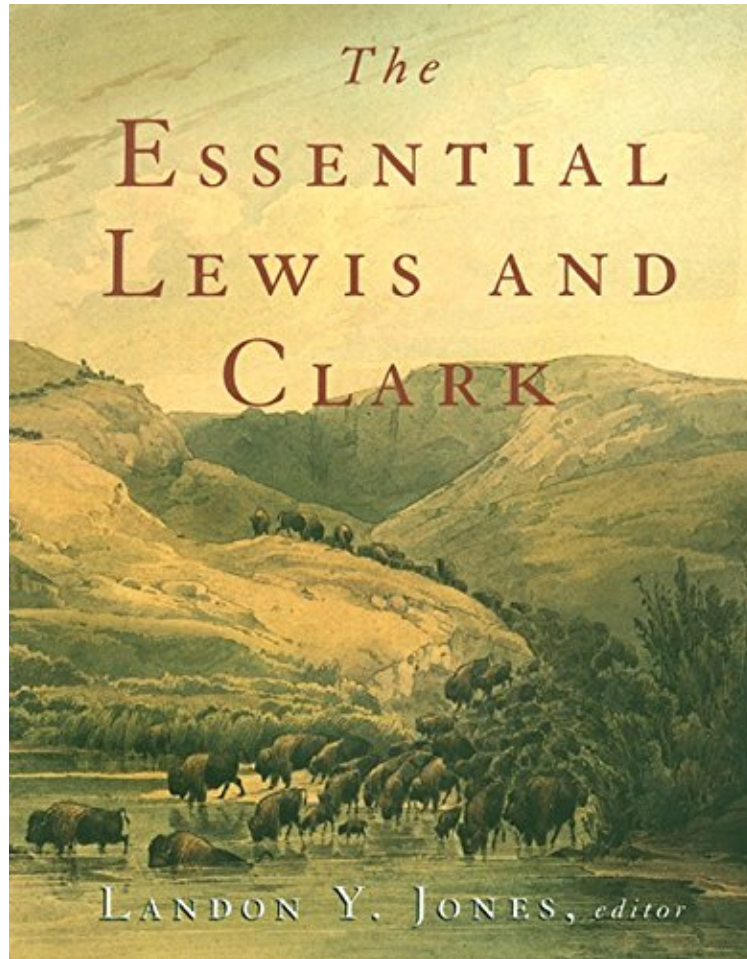


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great condensed version of Lewis and Clark JournalsBy C. BrownI have the full Lewis and Clark Journals on my Kindle Fire but they are a bit tedious to read, as the language is archaic and they tend to get fairly lengthy for many stories. The edited version in The Essential Lewis and Clark book is much more readable. A problem that I had is that it has no maps - which are key to visualizing their expedition. I found that there are ample resources on-line including detailed maps, especially those at Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln. I found that the editor did a great job in picking key part of the expedition to include in Essentials. The End Notes are also very helpful. I very much enjoyed reading this book, even though I had previously read a good bit about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and even toured some of the areas where they traveled. Another thing I found useful was to use the

"Search" capability in my Kindle for PC version of the Journals to find the detailed area for a particular page in the Essential book. i.e. The brief account on Page 37 of the Essential book is covered in great detail at location 5011 in my Kindle PC version. If one searches for "campfire" the "Results" show every location where that word occurs in the entire Journals. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Distilled Essence By drewyer05 Landon Y. Jones has managed to condense the journal entries of the members of the expedition of 'the Corps of Volunteers for North Western Discovery' [the Lewis Clark Expedition] into a small volume which belongs on the shelves of anyone interested in the journey from Camp Wood River to the Pacific. Having participated in numerous living history programs from 2001 through the Bicentennial, and up to the present, I can honestly say that I refer to THE ESSENTIAL LEWIS AND CLARK each and everytime I prepare to travel to an event! I recently listened to the unabridged CD version of the book on my way to Oregon to take part in the LC Saltmakers' Encampment in Seaside [a first person salt making adventure which runs from Friday through Sunday]. I recommend this book to any individual seeking a short, but thorough version of the captains journals during their party's passage across the unexplored reaches of the West! A fine little book in every regard! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. History at it's best By BP1961 President Thomas Jefferson commissioned Meriwether Lewis William Clark to study the land recently obtained through the Louisiana Purchase find a pathway from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. Reading about perhaps one of the most important pieces of history leaves one with a great deal of pride for our forefathers those that aided in establishing the United States.

The journals of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark remain the single most important document in the history of American exploration. This compact volume of their journals, compiled by American Book Award nominee Landon Y. Jones, includes all of the most riveting tales of their adventure. Here is a concise, breathtaking record of Lewis and Clark's legendary journey to the Pacific, written by the two captains--under unspeakable stress and the threat of constant danger--with an immediacy that startles to this day. Through these tales of adventure we see the Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains and western rivers the way Lewis and Clark first observed them--majestic, pristine, uncharted, and awe-inspiring. We are in moccasins of Lewis and Clark as they witness other wonders no European-Americans had ever seen before: new creatures such as antelope, prairie dogs, and, most memorably, grizzly bears. Also included are the explorers' encounters with Native Americans, featuring the amazing reunion between Sacagawea and her brother, a Shoshone chief who secured the expedition's safe passage over the Continental Divide. Landon Jones has selected the most memorable journal entries left behind by Lewis and Clark, and then edited and annotated them for all readers--those steeped in lore of the expedition, and newcomers to this unforgettable journey. From this raw material springs every book ever written about Lewis and Clark.

From Booklist Although complete versions of the journals of Lewis and Clark are readily available, readers daunted by the task of wading through approximately one million words will welcome this condensed edition of their incredible journey. In order to concentrate on the "human drama" of the expedition, Jones has excised most of the celestial, navigational, and scientific data Thomas Jefferson requested Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to record. Instead, he offers excerpts that focus on the seminal junctures of the journey, including their reactions to the breathtaking physical majesty of the West, their initial encounters with various Native American tribes, and their fascinating accounts of the physical and moral courage of their fellow travelers. Juxtaposing entries by the precise and poetic Lewis with the earthy and enthusiastic Clark, Jones has provided a vivid panorama of an epic undertaking. An essentially digestible slice of history. Margaret Flanagan Landon Jones has done an excellent job. (Stephen E. Ambrose) About the Author Landon Y. Jones is the author of Great Expectations: America and the Baby Boom Generation. He has reported, written, and edited at Life, Time, Money, and People magazines. He is a member of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council.