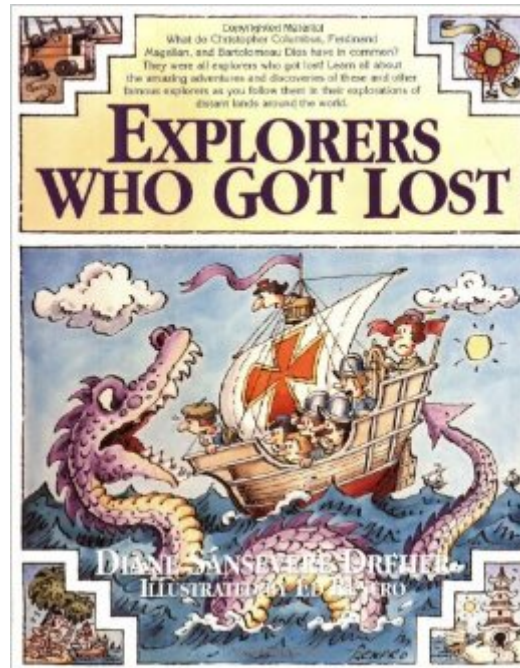


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Explorers Who Got Lost



Synopsis

During the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries just about every explorer who sailed beyond the horizon to find new land thought he knew where he was going. But in fact, most got terribly lost and stumbled on places no one had ever heard of. Explorers Who Got Lost is the telling of these Age of Discovery heroes. Their discoveries may have been unintentional, but when they found irrevocably changed the map of the world! Fast paced, exciting, full of facts and adventure, Explorers Who Got Lost provides detailed information on the most influential explorers of the fifteenth century. The history, sociology and even the superstitions of the time along with dozens of drawings, maps, routes and diagrams of ships and navigational equipment are all included. You'll discover the new world as these famous explorers discovered it. You'll follow their routes, you'll experience their hardships, You'll learn all about these amazing heroes whose discoveries altered the face of the globe and changed the course of human history.

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Customer Reviews

Teachers and intermediate aged students will find this book full of interesting information about many well known explorers. What they won't find are exaggerated claims, found in some social studies text books, of the bravery and importance of well known explorers. Written in interesting prose, each chapter of this book reveals the foibles, faults and mission of an explorer. A valuable resource for teachers, this book will help balance dry, older or current textbook writing that rarely

hints at the darker side of history. Students will be surprised by the human qualities, both light and dark, of these historical figures. This book provides information but allows them to make up their own mind about the importance of these explorers' role in history.

We really enjoyed this book which is chock full of information on a handful of explorers. It does only cover the era of the European Discovery of the Americas (and a little on Africa)...too bad there aren't a few more people included or another book covering different regions/time periods. While the explorers are presented in a straightforward manner (as opposed to the clever and attention-grabbing books like "You Wouldn't Want to Sail with Christopher Columbus!: Uncharted Waters You'd Rather Not Cross, or History News: Explorers News), we found it interesting and readable -- definitely not as dry as a textbook. Of course, each explorer was covered more in depth than many other books for children, but again it was accessible and not presented as endless mind-numbing facts. It is well organized and would be great for a research project or biography presentation. It begins with the early 1400's with Portugal & Prince Henry the Navigator, touches on the slave trade & tools for navigation, and exploring Africa. From there it moves on to Columbus, Cabot, Magellan "discovering", and exploring the western hemisphere. Also included are Verrazano, Cartier, and Hudson and their searches for a better passage to Asia (so up through the early 1600's). Each explorer's bio begins with some background on the person, era and region. The purpose or motivations of the journey, its circumstances, and the consequences of their journeys seem to be presented in an unbiased and well-researched way. The back of the book includes a nice chronology, and both the bibliography and index are extensive. Well Done! I agree with the other reviewer who said the map was invaluable...cute and highlights many of the lesser-known places that are mentioned in the stories.

This book contains short biographies of 8 important explorers who "discovered" the Americas. These are ideal for the teacher who wants to know more than the textbook. This is also an excellent resource to use in class for students to learn more about the explorers. Students could use this resource in order to create "baseball" cards about the explorers. Or simply to use for students who want to know more about the explorers they learn about in class. The map inside the front cover is one that every student should have in his or her Social Studies notebook.

I was hoping for something a bit different from this book. I wanted a narrative about explorers who got lost to use with my children in our home school. This book is a bit beyond our need for detail at

this time though. I did hope for portrait style drawings and more pictorial details about the travels taken by explorers. The information is there and accurate, but backing it up with some maps and non-cartoon images would improve this book's flexibility (skip the words, use the pictures as a tool). I'll keep my copy around for a few years and see if it gets more love when we revisit European exploration when the children are older.

We used this book for a home schooling project for our grade three son while we crossed the Pacific ocean in our sailboat. I found it to be full of information given the size of the book, with many interesting observations about different explorers. I chose it because it covered not only the top few best known explorers but went a level more to cover a wide breadth of explorers. The book is a little sparse on illustrations but given the facts packed into each chapter, we were very pleased with this as a one-volume resource.- Nadine Slavinski, author of Lesson Plans Ahoy

My students enjoy reading about the different explores in this book. They think it's funny how these famous people got lost during their explorations.

Very informative and funny!!

Really cute book. We used it as a supplement to learning about early explorers.

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