The Corps 33
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The Governor-appointed Washington Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, the Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, and the Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, have partnered to produce this bibliography. It is the first part of a larger bibliography which will encompass the two hundred most significant books published about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This subset – The Corps 33 – represents the essential core books about the expedition. Thirty-three members of the Corps of Discovery, the official name for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, made the journey from Fort Mandan to the Pacific and back; thus the title The Corps 33.

The Committee and the Chapter selected the titles and supplied “sound-bite” annotations. Books about Thomas Jefferson and Native Americans are included as they provide context for fully understanding the significance of the expedition. Children and young adult titles are also included, and two titles focus on the expedition’s time in the Pacific Northwest. The Washington State Library provided the bibliographic information. Editions of all titles are currently in print.

Call numbers are for the Washington State Library. Books are available for checkout and interlibrary loan unless the call number begins with R (Reference), RARE, YGP (Ye Galleon Press), or SI (Smithsonian Institution federal publication). These are in special collections and are available “for library use only” at the Washington State Library. The books may also be available at other libraries and bookstores.

Annotations in quotation marks are provided by the Washington Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and the Washington Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Annotations in italics are from Washington State Library’s online catalog.


R 917.8042 ALLEN 1975; RARE 917.8042 ALLEN 1975

“A thoughtful summation of geographic knowledge at the time of the expedition.”


NW 917.8042 ALLEN 1991
   RARE 917.8042 AMBROSE 1996
   “Popularized story of the Corps of Discovery, and of Lewis.”
Editions after 1996 contain two additional chapters on ethnology not found in the 1st edition.
   NW 917.8042 AMBROSE 1997; R 917.8042 AMBROSE 2002

   NW 917.8042 ANDERSON 2002; R 917.8042 ANDERSON 2002; RARE 917.8042 ANDERSON 2002
   “Excellent, brief, biographical sketches of all three Charbonneaus.”

   NW 917.8042 APPLEMA 2003; R 917.8042 APPLEMA 2003
   “Strong overview, accessible for beginners. For more recent information on traveling the trail consult Julie Fanselow’s book which is included on this list.”

   NW 917.8042 BETTS 1985; RARE 917.8042 BETTS 1985
   “Well-written, thoughtful biography of Clark’s African-American slave, York.”
   NW 917.8042 BETTS 2000; R 917.8042 BETTS 2000

   R 917.8042 BLUMBERG 1987
   “Accurate readable text with appropriate illustrations. Well-written for young adult readers.”
Has been reprinted numerous times by various publishers.
   NW 917.8042 BLUMBERG 1995 [published by Beech Tree]

   NW 508.78 BOTKIN 1995; RARE 508.78 BOTKIN 1995
   “Thought-provoking examination of 200+ years of changes to natural landscape.”

   R 591.978 NATURAL 1961; RARE 591.978 NATURAL 1961
State Library’s RARE copy includes a December 1974 holiday letter from Burroughs.
   “Compendium of mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles encountered by the Corps of Discovery. Includes the variety of scientific and common names for species.”
   NW 591.978 NATURAL 1995; R 591.978 NATURAL 1995

NW 917.8042 CHUINAR 1979; R 917.8042 CHUINAR 1979; RARE 917.8042 CHUINAR 1979

“Readable overview of journey that gives a thorough ‘examination’ of medical practices of the day. Includes equipment, pharmaceuticals, and the medical practices used by the two captains.”


NW 917.8042 CHUINAR 1987; R 917.8042 CHUINAR 1987; YGP 917.8042 CHUINAR 1987

NW 917.8042 CHINAR 2002


NW 917.8042 CLARK 2002; R 917.8042 CLARK 2002

Includes fifty-five letters, many published here for the first time.


RARE 917.8042 CUTRIGH 1976

“Insightful history of the journals’ publication. Includes biographies of the six known journal-keepers, and information about the many editors and publishers of these journals.”


NW 917.8042 CUTRIGH 2000; R 917.8042 CUTRIGH 2000


RARE 917.8042 CUTRIGH 1969

“Overview of the journey that focuses on the scientific discoveries of the expedition. Includes the flora and fauna described in the journals.”

Includes appendices of plants and animals described by the two captains.

Reprinted by University of Nebraska Press in 1989.

NW 917.8042 CUTRIGH 1989; R 917.8042 CUTRIGH 1989


NW 917.8042 LEWIS 1953; RARE 917.8042 LEWIS 1953

“First of several one-volume editions of the journals. Includes entries from all six journal-keepers. Retains original grammar, punctuation, spelling. Inexpensive; great starter.”


NW 917.8042 LEWIS 1997; R 917.8042 LEWIS 1997


NW 917.8042 DUNCAN 1997; R 917.8042 DUNCAN 1997

“Beautiful illustrations. A good overview.”


   NW 813.54 EUBANK 2002; R 813.54 EUBANK 2002

“Popular with teachers, a great gift.”

**Seaman,** the Newfoundland dog belonging to Meriwether Lewis, keeps an account of their adventures during the journey to the Pacific. Children’s picture book.

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian, chose this book as part of her *Washington Reads* winter 2004 selections. Her theme was “Lewis, Clark, and Seaman.”

**Explorations into the World of Lewis and Clark: 194 Essays from the Pages of We Proceeded On.** Edited with introductions and notes by Robert A. Saindon. Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Digital Scanning, 2003. 3 volumes.

   NW 917.8042 EXPLORA 2003 v1-3; R 917.8042 EXPLORA 2003 v1-3

“The best essays from the pages of *We Proceeded On*, the quarterly journal of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Carefully selected, edited and updated by Saindon. Scholarly and entertaining. Reprinted with permission of the authors.”


   NW 917.8043 FANSELO 2003

“An excellent, frequently up-dated traveler’s guide.”


   NW 641.5973 GUNDERS 2003; R 641.5973 GUNDERS 2003

“Realistic, historically accurate, and useable in a kitchen, or for a fund-raising dinner.”


   NW 427.978 HARTLEY 2004; R 427.978 HARTLEY 2004

“An outstanding and enjoyable ‘dictionary’ of words the Corps used. Each word includes its source or language, meaning, and at least one journal quote.”


   NW 978.0049 HOWARD 1971; RARE 978.0049 HOWARD 1971

“More than thirty years later, is still one of the better biographies.”

**Sacagawea's journey with Lewis and Clark and a look at the varying accounts of her later years.** Reprinted numerous times. Foreword by Joseph Bruchac in 2002 edition.

   NW 978.0049 HOWARD 1973; R 978.0049 HOWARD 1973

   NW 978.0049 HOWARD 2002; R 978.0049 HOWARD 2002


   NW 917.8042 JACKSON 1962; RARE 917.8042 JACKSON 1962


Second edition with additional documents and notes issued as two volumes in 1978. 806 p.

   NW 917.8042 JACKSON 1978 v1-2; RARE 917.8042 JACKSON 1978 v1-2

973.4609 JACKSON 1981; RARE 973.4609 JACKSON 1981

“To understand the story of the Corps of Discovery, one must understand Jefferson, and his drive to explore the west. An excellent, thought-provoking read.”

Reissued in 1993 and 2002 by University of Oklahoma Press with a foreword by James P. Ronda and a new title: **Thomas Jefferson & the Rocky Mountains: Exploring the West from Monticello.**

973.4609 JACKSON 2002; R 973.4609 JACKSON 2002


NW 917.8042 GASS 1997; R 917.8042 GASS 1997

“Gass’ journal of the journey, his account book-journal (1826-1837; 1847-1848) and excellent biography. Insightful editing and writing. Gass’ journal was the first to be published.”


NW 978.0049 MCLAUGH 2003; R 978.0049 MCLAUGH 2003

Traces the provenance and discusses the expedition-associated Native American artifacts held at Harvard University’s Peabody Museum.


NW 917.8042 MOORE 2003; R 917.8042 MOORE 2003; RARE 917.8042 MOORE 2003

A treasure-trove of rich paintings, drawings, and information recreating the clothing, accessories, equipment, and weapons of the expedition.


NW 917.8042 MORRIS 2004; R 917.8042 MORRIS 2004

“Morris brings the story full circle, with carefully researched post-expedition biographies of the Corps of Discovery.”


NW 917.8042 JOURNAL 1983 v2-11,13; NW OVERSIZ 917.8042 JOURNAL 1983 v12
R 917.8042 JOURNAL 1983 v5-7,13; R OVERSIZ 917.8042 JOURNAL 1983 v1
RARE 917.8042 JOURNAL 1983 v1-13

“The definitive work. Includes the original journals of all six journal keepers.”

Volume 1 is the atlas. Volume 12 is the Herbarium. Volume 13 is a comprehensive index and addendum. Volumes 2 through 11 were issued as affordable paperbacks in 2002 and 2003. The series title for the paperbacks is **The Definitive Journals of Lewis and Clark.**


NW 917.8042 LEWIS A 2003; R 917.8042 LEWIS A 2003; RARE 917.8042 LEWIS A 2003

“Readable one volume by the master of the journals. Moulton calls it ‘his favorite stories.’”

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian, chose this book as part of her **Washington Reads** winter 2004 selections. Her theme was “Lewis, Clark, and Seaman.”

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NW OVERSIZ 912.78 PLAMOND 2000 v1-3; R OVERSIZ 912.78 PLAMOND 2000 v1-3; RARE 912.78 PLAMOND 2000 v1-3

“A masterpiece of cartography. Plamondon did for the maps and the trails what Moulton and Jackson did for the journals and the letters.”

Ronda, James P. **Lewis and Clark among the Indians.** University of Nebraska Press, 1984. 310 p. RARE 917.8042 RONDA 1984

“The single best study of the relations between the American Indians and the Corps of Discovery. A must read.”


NW 917.8042 RONDA 2002; R 917.8042 RONDA 2002


NW 917.8042 STRONG 1995; R 917.8042 STRONG 1995

“A good regional work.”

Contains black and white photos, many of areas now under water because of dams. Reissued in 2000.


SI 1.20/2: [volume #]; NW 970.0049 HANDBOO 1978 v7, v12; R 970.0049 HANDBOO 1978 v7, v12

“Written by some of the best historians, ethnographers, and cultural anthropologists. Many of the articles discuss the expedition.”

Twenty volumes are planned for this monumental set; however, they are not being released sequentially. Volumes that cover the tribes encountered by the expedition include: volume 7, *Northwest Coast*; volume 11, *Great Basin*; volume 12, *Plateau*; volume 13 pt 1 and pt 2, *Plains*. Other volumes to consult are: volume 4, *History of Indian-White Relations*; volume 17, *Languages*.


NW 917.8042 ZIAK 2002; R 917.8042 ZIAK 2002; RARE 917.8042 ZIAK 2002

“Well-researched and written story of the Corps arrival at the mouth of the Columbia River.”

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian, chose this book as one of her *Washington Reads* winter 2004 selections. Her theme was “Lewis, Clark, and Seaman.” She chose it again for her fall 2004 *Washington Reads* when her theme was “The Columbia River through Washington History.”