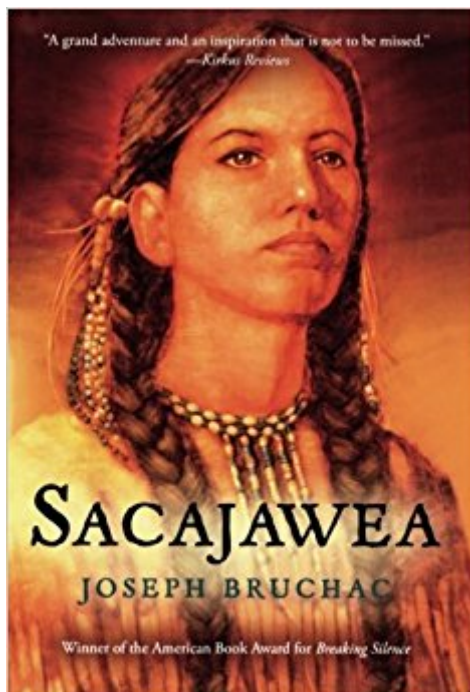


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Sacajawea



Synopsis

Captured by her enemies, married to a foreigner, and a mother at age sixteen, Sacajawea lived a life of turmoil and change. Then, in 1804, the mysterious young Shoshone woman met Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Acting as interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, Sacajawea bravely embarked on an epic journey that altered history forever. Hear her extraordinary story, in the voices of Sacajawea and William Clark in alternating chapters, with selections from Clark's original diaries. Includes a map of Lewis and Clark's trail and an author's note.

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Customer Reviews

I was completely enthralled with this book during the month it took me to read it and now that I have finished it, I feel like I am saying good-bye to a true and valued friend. Anna Lee Waldo has created a scholarly masterpiece that deserves to be read by future generations, not just by North Americans seeking to learn more about their countries, but by people all over the world. Sacagawea's story of perservance, hope and belief in herself are an inspiration for everyone. Although the book covers all of what is known about Sacagawea's life, there appears to be some question as to when and where exactly she died. Waldo presents the known facts and lets the reader decide for him/herself. The book contains hundreds of interesting footnotes as well as a detailed biography. There is also a small, rather inadequate map -- you may find you need to get a larger, clearer one of the area in

order to keep up with Sacagawea's travels throughout the west. My only problem with the book was the cover which makes it look like an historical romance which it is decidedly not (although it does contain love and romance and joy as well as sorrow and pain). I am grateful to .com for helping me to find this wonderful book, to echo what Jhogan said earlier, why isn't this book better known?

This is one of the best, well written books that I have read in a long time. I treasure my tattered copy and I urge others to read this great adventure. Ms. Waldo is an excellent writer and her works are a treasure. A large book, even in paperback, over 1400 pages. But once you start reading it will be very hard to put down. I highly recommend it for everyone.

If you're a fan of historical fiction, this is a must-read title. Waldo has done a superb job in relaying the true story of Sacajawea - Lewis & Clark's guide (and she was oh so much more...). This is a HUGE fictional, yes, but you'll be so absorbed - veritably transported to the time and place - you'll not notice, trust me! When I got to the end of the book, it was with a sense of accomplishment (it's over 1400 pages) and some regret that it was over (I didn't want it to end!)... mixed feelings, for sure. This is one of my all-time fave fiction titles. Can't recommend it highly enough!

I think one of the best things about this version of the Lewis and Clark story is the way the author alternated chapters by Sacajawea and Captain Clark. The whole book is told as a collection of stories for Sacajawea's son, Pomp, who was a favorite of Captain Clark. Their separate characters and backgrounds, American and Indian, shine through their versions of the memorable moments of the voyage to the Pacific Ocean and back. This may be listed as a book for children, but it should not be labeled for any particular age group. Adults will enjoy it too. The book so clearly points out the great optimism of the early explorers that led them through dangerous situations with such confidence. The reliance upon actual texts from the participants of the voyage make this a very authentic story.

I first read Sacajawea 15 years ago and it became my favorite book. I've had the tattered paperback all this time and last week decided to reread it. I read all 1400 pages in a week's time and I still claim it in the top five favorite books. Every woman should read this book.

I got this book for my 10 year old daughter, but I picked it up and found I couldn't put it down. It was a wonderfully entertaining story full of historical detail, and as told from the 2 points of view, Clark

and Sacagawea, it just came alive in my mind. Joseph Bruchac tells a fascinating story and educates at the same time. I highly recommend this book for teens as well as adults.

I was in middle school when I first read this book. It took me a whole week to finish, having over 1400 pages. I couldn't put it down. I used to sneak and read it in class. I read while on the bus going to and from school. I would use a flash light while laying in my bed at night and read. I got into trouble one night and the book was taken away from me for a day. Boy was I mad!! found the story to flow quite well. I was never left with a feeling that something had been left out. I could "feel" all of the emotions that Sacajawea experienced. It makes me feel embarrassed at how the indian nation as a whole has been, and still to this day, treated. I thoroughly enjoyed every page. I became more interested in history after reading this book. In fact, two days after I finished reading the book the Louis & Clark expedition was brought up in my history class. I had answers to so many of the questions the teacher asked. No one in the class had even heard of Sacajawea, but I had.

I haven't finished this book yet, but it's a great read, don't get me wrong. I just wanted to comment on the poor editing of the Kindle edition. I really wish that someone (ahem ...) had put a little work into proofreading before they Kindle-ized it and charged twice the paperback price. I was willing to pay more (and wait for it to come out on Kindle) because it is such a long book, and thus is way more portable on my Kindle. But there are words that are run together all over the book. I suppose that they were the last/first words in a line in the original book, and so didn't have a space and so therefore in the Kindle edition they are just run together. It's not that it makes it unreadable - it's just annoying and disappointing that they cut corners this way. I guess it's a point of a lot of grumbling among many Kindle readers that the Kindle books are so expensive compared to what it must cost to produce them. I just wish that would make sure that the quality you get is AT LEAST the same as you'd get if you bought the book.

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