

## Book Reviews and Notices

*The Lewis and Clark Journals: An American Epic of Discovery*, edited by Gary E. Moulton. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2003. lxii, 413 pp. Illustrations, notes, index. \$29.95 cloth.

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With new Lewis and Clark ephemera nearly as abundant as the Missouri River's infamous "musquetors," the clear choice for both learned scholars and instant experts of the 1803-1806 expedition is the recently released abridgment of the 13-volume Definitive Nebraska Edition of the Lewis and Clark Journals. Gary Moulton's 42-page introduction alone renders most previously published summaries all but obsolete, while the carefully selected journal entries thoroughly summarize the varied diplomatic, geographic, and ecological aspects of the journey to the Pacific Ocean and back. Although the Corps of Discovery spent only a few weeks in what later became western Iowa, the journals detail two key events: the preparations for the explorers' first meeting with the Indian Nations of the Great Plains at the "Council Bluff" and the death of Sergeant Charles Floyd south of present-day Sioux City. The journals also illustrate the diverse wildlife the Corps encountered in the Loess Hills and river bottoms of western Iowa. Highly recommended, this volume will surely remain the standard reference concerning Lewis and Clark long after the upcoming bicentennial celebrations have been forgotten.

*The Indian Frontier, 1763-1846*, by R. Douglas Hurt. Histories of the American Frontier Series. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2002. xvii, 300 pp. Illustrations, chronology, notes, bibliography, index. \$45.00 cloth, \$23.95 paper.

Reviewer John P. Bowes is a lecturer in history at the University of California-Los Angeles. His recently completed dissertation is "Opportunity and Adversity: Indians and American Expansion in the 19th-Century Trans-Mississippi West."

In *The Indian Frontier*, R. Douglas Hurt discusses and analyzes the interactions of Indians, Europeans, and Americans over the course of nearly one hundred years and multiple frontiers. From the end of the

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