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What must it have been like to be the first to circumnavigate the globe or traverse America from shore to shore? What political, social and financial factors of the day encouraged exploration? What personal dreams and desires drove these fearless men to search the vast unknown waters and lands, to tempt danger time and time again, all in the name of discovery? In Great Explorations, acclaimed authors including recent Laura Ingalls Wilder Award winner Milton Meltzer guide us through the adventures of the indomitable explorers who knew first-hand the joys and sorrows of pioneering.

From School Library Journal Grade 5-8-These accessible titles will find use as adjuncts to social-studies curricula. Written in Calvert's characteristically engaging style, the first two books include a good deal of personal detail about both Boone and Peary, a reflection of both the sources available and the author's approach to their life stories. Lewis

and Clark is a cut above other series titles on the topic; Faber does not sensationalize or overdramatize the encounters with, and central role of, various Native American tribes in the journey of the Corps of Discovery. A brief chapter is devoted to Sacagawea's role, but with the caution of how little documented information there is about her life. The general outline of this amazing expedition is clearly given, but in this brief text many of the wonderful details and key elements that make this seminal event in U.S. history so compelling are not included. However, this book would be a great starting point for more extensive study, or as a historical survey. In all the books, primary sources are quoted extensively, but well integrated into the fluid texts while colorful boxed notes amplify and provide contextual information. A variety of illustrations enhance the content, including color reprints of paintings, maps, black-and-white lithographs, and, in the Peary title, photographs. While most of the artwork is of high quality, there are a few grainy reproductions and photos. Bibliographies and notes list primary sources. Appealing and user-friendly titles. Nancy Collins-Warner, Neill Public Library, Pullman, WA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.