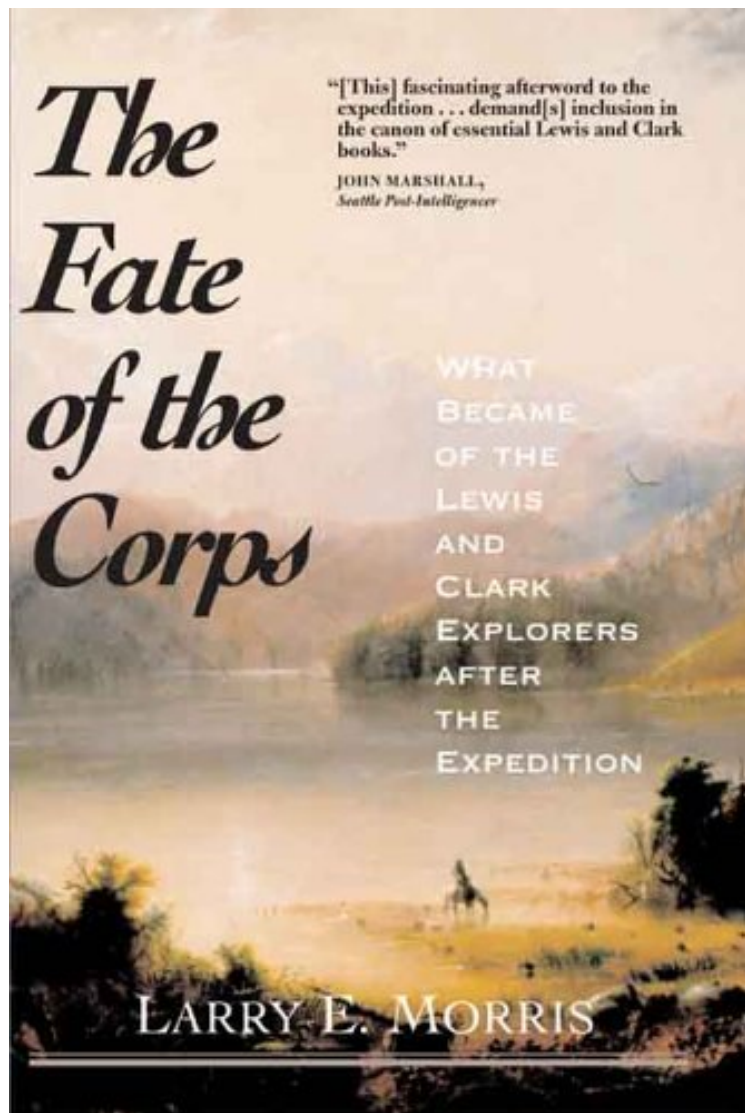


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HurleyThe book contains outstanding personal histories of every individual that left a record after their return to St. Louis. Some of the amazing men include John Colter who left the corps on the return leg after three years with Lewis and Clark to turn back northwest with a small group of trappers. Like George Drouilliard, Colter spends time in the remote country in constant danger from the powerful Blackfeet. Although only one man died on the Lewis and Clark expedition, many of the men that return meet death at the hands of the Indians or natural diseases of that era. George Shannon, loses a leg in a second trip north and becomes quite successful, some like Nathaniel Pryor virtually live with the Indians (Osage) and a few live a very long life like Patrick Gass. Their lives intersect such famous mountain men such as Jedediah Smith, Hugh Glass, young Jim Bridger and the controversial Edward Rose. The author has done phenomenal research that documents all the Corps participants including the death of Sacagawea, although there is some controversy noted in the Appendix. Her husband Charbonneau lives a long life that is quite useful, in spite of Lewis' opinion, for others plying the Missouri. Of course Clark's life is well documented and known but Clark did a wonderful job keeping up with the survivors actually maintaining a log on all participants up through the late 1820's. Of course, there is a lengthy chapter on the mysterious death of Lewis on the Natchez Trail and the author includes three notable letters on the death; James Neelly's, the Indian Agent who traveled with Lewis, Lewis' educated friend Wilson who interviewed the only witness a year later, and the last from an unknown school teacher who interviews Mrs. Grinder one last time many years after. Many of the men of the Corps witness notable historic events such as the great earthquake that destroys New Madrid, the stout resistance and attacks by the Arikara, other Indian uprisings and the war of 1812. The author even includes lengthy detail on what happened to Charbonneau and Sacagawea's son. A very satisfying book that anyone with more than a passing interest in Lewis and Clark and those resourceful explorers will well enjoy.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very informative about the corp of discovery.By CustomerA book in good condition. Much informative information. everything is fine.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Captivating and IntriguingBy Carla IngramThis book is absolutely terrific. It was amazingly captivating; I couldn't put it down. Plus, I have always wondered what happened to each person and it is so intriguing to find out how some of these men drifted into obscurity while others intersected with famous people and events of the time (it is those intersections that kept surprising me). The author does an excellent job deciphering primary documents to calculate where and when these men had other adventures and calamities.It was easy to read for 2 reasons. One, the information on each person was fulfilling for me. It wasn't just a short blip of facts nor was the information too detailed. It was enough to keep the readers interest without getting bogged down in minute details. Second, he does an excellent job of cross referencing events and people's stories as he relays the fate of each member. That's helpful because there are a lot of characters to keep in mind. So, when he tells one man's story he will remind the reader when in time that occurred compared to major events or events of others who he has already discussed.

The story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition has been told many times. But what became of the thirty-three members of the Corps of Discovery once the expedition was over?The expedition ended in 1806, and the final member of the corps passed away in 1870. In the intervening decades, members of the corps witnessed the momentous events of the nation they helped to formfrom the War of 1812 to the Civil War and the opening of the transcontinental railroad. Some of the expedition members went on to hold public office; two were charged with murder. Many of the explorers could not resist the call of the wild, and continued to adventure forth into Americas western frontier.Engagingly written and based on exhaustive research, *The Fate of the Corps* chronicles the lives of the fascinating men (and one woman) who opened the American West.

From BooklistWhat Meriwether Lewis and William Clark did after vaulting into history is sacred text to Lewis and Clark fans, but they are likely less certain about what happened to the other 32 members of the Corps of Discovery. Morris' exhaustively researched provision of this information seemingly includes every footnotable fact. The commitment to completeness might overwhelm the casual reader, but it does establish a one-stop shop for anyone interested in any member of the corps. Instead of using a biographical framework, the author arranges the material chronologically, starting with the first man to be released from service (John Colter, who turned into a mountain man) and proceeding to the last one to die (Patrick Gass, in 1870). This approach uses separate events to collect the expedition figures, such as unfinished business from the expedition itself--returning a Mandan chief and Sacagawea to the upper Missouri and publishing the expedition's journals. Similarly, the fur trade, farming, the 1811-12 earthquakes, and the War of 1812 centralize the biographies of the members they affected. A systematic study for large collections. Gilbert TaylorCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "[This] fascinating afterword to the expedition, focus[ing] on crucial events for members of the Corps of Discovery in the ensuing years, ...demand[s] inclusion in the canon of essential Lewis and Clark books."From the Back Cover"This very readable book is a welcome addition to the history of the American West and nineteenth-century American history. It is also an important and timely addition to the Lewis and Clark field." - James J. Holmberg, editor of *Dear Brother: Letters of William Clark to Jonathan Clark*