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David Hill : The Great Race: The Race Between the English and the French to Complete the Map of Australia before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great Race: The Race Between the English and the French to Complete the Map of Australia:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent story of the European discovery of AustraliaBy Colin PettitWhat a wonderful story that delves into the lives of those intrepid souls that set out on the mammoth task to sail and map the coastline of Australia.This was an extraordinarily difficult task and many lives were lost before the new found knowledge was able to be carried back to Europe. Even war between England France did not prevent the free exchange of knowledge about New Holland between these rivals.I see parallels in this story with contemporary efforts to land humans on the Moon, with a major difference being that the Moon, to date, has not been colonised.Successful Australian coastline navigators had the challenge of disease, shipwreck, and the limits of technology to deal with and those that were able to manage these challenges were rewarded handsomely with grants of land in the new colony or commercial success as an author.This book has deepened my knowledge of the European discovery of Australia and I found the story of Flinders missing some major East Coast rivers on his first journey north of Port Jackson to be particularly poignant. I'm sure he would have been mightily embarrassed once they were found.Another story I found fascinating was the prediction, by experienced sailors, of the existence of Bass Strait due to tidal movements in the area. Once confirmed this provided ships a faster route to Port Jackson.I haven't finished this engaging story as yet (I'm about 40% through) however, I can tell this will be a book I will refer to for the rest of my life. It is fascinating.Congratulations to David Hill, he has thoroughly researched and authored a book which has all the elements of high adventure, scientific discovery and sheer guts. All that was needed to settle the harsh and unforgiving land of Australia.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Doing it the hard wayBy Albert Evie ProbertAn easy to read account relating to many of the great early mariners who went through unbelievable hardships to discover and. navigate the shoreline of Australia and surrounding countries. A good read0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informative but never dullBy JohnEvery Aussie knows something about Matthew Flinders but this book gives a brisk but detailed account of his circumnavigation of the continent and of his subsequent imprisonment on Mauritius

On the afternoon of 8 April 1802, in the remote southern ocean, two explorers had a remarkable chance encounter. Englishman Matthew Flinders and Frenchman Nicolas Baudin had been sent by their governments on the same quest: to explore the uncharted coast of the great south land and find out whether the west and east coasts, four thousand kilometres apart, were part of the same island. And so began the race to compile the definitive map of Australia. These men's journeys were the culmination of two hundred years of exploration of the region by the Dutch - most famously Abel Tasman - the Portuguese, the Spanish and by Englishmen such as the colourful pirate William Dampier and, of course, James Cook. The three-year voyages of Baudin and Flinders would see them endure terrible hardships in the spirit of discovery. They suffered scurvy and heat exhaustion, and Flinders was shipwrecked and imprisoned - always knowing he was competing with the French to produce the first map of this mysterious continent. Written from diaries and other first-hand accounts, this is the thrilling story of men whose drawings recorded countless previously unknown species and turned mythical creatures into real ones, and whose skill and determination enabled Terra Australis Incognita to become Australia.

Exquisite \* Herald \* An epic tale told concisely and confidently by Hill \* The Times \*About the AuthorDuring his remarkable career, David Hill has been chairman then managing director of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, chairman of the Australian Football Association, chief executive and director of the State Rail Authority NSW, chairman of Sydney Water Corporation and chairman of CREATE, a national organisation responsible for representing the interests of young people and children in institutional care. He is the author of the bestsellers The Forgotten Children and 1788. He lives in Sydney.