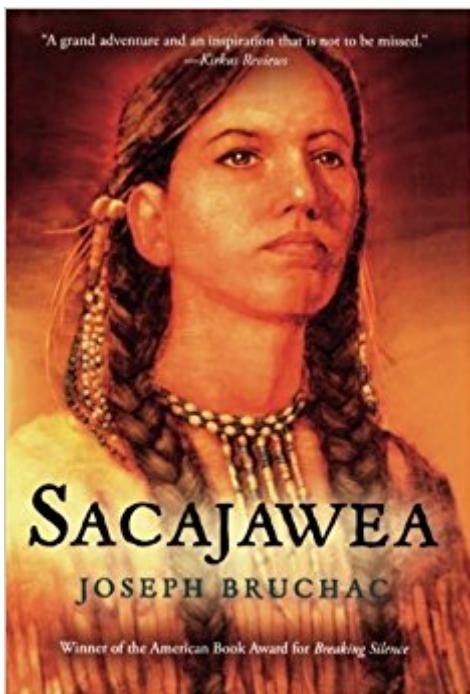


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# Sacajawea



## **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**

"We are to ascend the Missouri River with a boat as far as is navigable and then to go by land, to the western ocean, if nothing prevents." With these words from one of the members of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's Corps of Discovery, the men embark on their fateful journey. Encountering danger, hardship, and excitement along the way, Lewis and Clark carry out their plan of attempting to bring peace to the various Indian nations while exploring the western part of the continents. One of the most important moments on this great expedition comes when they meet Sacajawea, a Shoshone woman who becomes translator, peacemaker, caretaker, and guide--and an invaluable member of the Corps. Told in alternating points of view by Sacajawea and Clark, this historical novel will rivet every reader, history buff or not. Including excerpts from Clark's and

Lewis's journals as well as traditional Shoshone tales, the often-humorous, always compelling story inspires, educates, and entertains. Joseph Bruchac has written more than 60 books for children and adults, and received many literary awards, including the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas. (Ages 13 and older)  
--Emilie Coulter --This text refers to the Preloaded Digital Audio Player edition.

Bruchac's (The Arrow Over the Door) intimate novel about Lewis and Clark's epic Western exploration unfolds through the alternating voices of Sacajawea, their Shoshone interpreter, and Clark. Sacajawea's now-grown son, Pomp (Jean Baptiste Charbonneau), introduces the two narrators, explaining that Shoshone custom dictates that "one can tell only what they have seen

I could not put this book down! There was so much actual history documented by Lewis and Clark through their journals. The story of how their meeting with a young Indian girl, how they realized her intelligence, and sense of direction, and got her to be their interpreter on their route to the Pacific coast. She is introduced to the cultures of the white man, and resolutely holds on to her native cultures. There is sadness and loss, and a great love threading throughout this story. Sacajawea was a woman far ahead of her time...beautifully written.

I have always had a lot of curiosity about Sacajawea and her journey with Lewis and Clark. I have read this book before and I totally enjoy taking the voyage again. Anna Waldo has done such a wonderful job bringing Sacajawea to life for me. I am totally engrossed while I am reading and I love learning in detail about her, the Lewis and Clark team and the Indians they meet along the way. It's a very long story - my favorite kind of book to read. If you aren't overwhelmed looking at all the pages you will be greatly rewarded with an exciting, breath taking journey across this country, back when it was a vast wilderness.

This is an amazing book. To read about the past, the way this author wrote you journeyed on the trail with the expedition, you could feel what Sacagawea felt, you lived in the tipi with her. Incredible, I love a story in which you immerse deep into the depths of it as if you are really there and this book does that. It is a long book and I enjoyed that as well because when you are done you are satisfied. It is also full of historical accounts written by the actual people who lived then. It is a fictional story brushed with some fact and I absolutely recommend this book!

The story written in detail of the Lewis and Clark expedition highlighting the biography of Sacajawea. The young female/with baby Indian guide on the expedition. Very exciting historical novel in early American history. Highly recommend.

Back when my Mom was alive, like 30 years ago, she had terminal illness and stuck in bed most of the time. She very much enjoyed thoroughly reading this true story about Native American woman who traveled with Lewis and Clark. Great read. Highly recommended.

I read this book several years ago and enjoyed it so much that I went on a search for it this year. I have the hard bound, but wanted to be able to read on the go, and the book is a little heavy. It is a work of fiction, with many documented truths intermingled through the story. In todays world of what we think is a 'hard' life, it becomes an eye opener to the sufferings of a different time, a different culture a different world. If you enjoy history I think you will love this book about Sacajawea....the hardest part is learning to spell her name!

My daughter and I are currently reading this Kindle edition book for her book report. It is very nice that she is able to highlight the information that she made need to refer back to for her report. Even though, from my understanding, Sacajawea did not have any entries in a diary, her possible thoughts are include in this book. One can appreciate from others observations that she, through her actions, was a courageous and strong woman, considering that she was with her infant child and the only woman on this long difficult trip to the Pacific Ocean. I would recommend this book for anyone who would like some true insight into Sacajawea's life during this time in history.

This is a book I have purchased many times because I have given away my own copies. One of my favorite books ever, the story is based on the true facts of the Lewis and Clark expedition and Sacajawea's role as their guide and interpreter. It is an incredibly long book...possibly as long as a book can be in paperback...1,400 pages! Worth every minute. Anna Lee Waldo's writing just takes you on a journey of exploration, Indian cultures and the life of one extraordinary young Shoshoni squaw...Sacajawea and I absolutely recommend it!

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