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Scagawea, a Shashone Indian, guided and interpreted for explorers Lewis and Clarke as they traveled up the Mississippi, but she had adventures long before that one, like the time she was captured by the Minnetarees, and taken away from her family and everything that she knew and loved....

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Megan says

Amazing book! I read it while we were studying Lewis and Clark and I could relate so much of it. 1 thing, on the real expedition Sacagawea and Clark don't share the amount of romance as they do in the book, otherwise Scott O'Dell does an amazing job getting facts into this book.

Anne says

Man, I loved this book as a tween. Upon rereading as an adult who has a general working knowledge of the subject matter it covered, I see it as ridiculous. Published in an era when people still believed only girls would read books with a female protagonist and who apparently thought that females would only be interested in a book if it included romance, it spends a disproportionate amount of time on an imagined love affair between Clark and Sacagawea, rather than putting much effort into fleshing out what we do know happened.

We used this book in our homeschool to talk about historical fiction and how it's colored by the demands of the day (see above re: target audiences and perceived demands of readers) and author bias, and the importance of confirming the "facts" resented in historical fiction before integrating them into our understanding of what we know actually happened.

Hernan Sanchez says

This book is a really good book, but if you like history it would be an even better one. This story is about the narrator "Sacagawea" is about her finding who she is and what strengths does she have. The story actually starts when the Shoshone Indian princess and her cousin "running deer" get kidnapped by the Minnetaries. During these scenes, Sacagawea breaks her peaceful personalities a couple of times when she was stuck in certain situations. But she never forgot who she is and the nobility of her people. Overall this story is really action packed but also some serious drama between family and friends.

Olena says

Loved it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kyera says

Streams to the River, River to the Sea is the story of Sacagawea, a Shoshone Indian who guided Lewis and Clark on their journey across the United States. Although it is a relatively short book, it follows Sacagawea from her home with the Shoshone, through her time with other tribes having been kidnapped, and finally on her trek to see the ocean. The first third of the tale took place during the time that Sacagawea was shunted between different tribes. It was heartwrenching to read how much she went through over the course of her life. The rest of the book delved into their journey across the plains. The author seemed to cram the return journey and everyone returning home into a very small portion of the end of the book, which made it feel rushed.

Although she is called their guide, there was very little guiding described in this story. Sacagawea spent much more of her time tending to her baby, dealing with her own illnesses, pining after Clark, and being a symbol of non-aggression than being the brave and strong person that she likely was. Too often, she was just brought before the attention of men to show that the party had a woman with a baby in it, so they must be friendly. I was a little let down by that fact because I feel as though it could have been more inspiring if she shone more in the story. That being said, she did travel without complaint and many times on foot, while the men rode horses.

I love history and the journey depicted in this novel was one of the foundational moments in our country's history. It was written with an authentic voice that would allow readers to really sink into the narrative and feel as though they are experiencing the same trials and tribulations as the characters. Overall, this did not feel like a young adult historical fiction novel, but more like one I might have read in elementary or middle school. Due to the shortness of the story, I feel as though there was a lot that was left out and if the author had made the book longer then there could have been more character development and history packed into the narrative, which would have made the story more appealing to older readers.

Bart Blumberg says

I'm a gr. 5 teacher and thought I'd read this to my class as a way to help cover the L&Clark unit. It was narrated from the perspective of Sacagawea and was "lite" on the L&C expedition. I'm not sure there are chapters I can read. From the perspective of an adventure by a young woman with a baby on her back and an abusive "husband," it has more appeal. Sacagawea is humanized, yet still has a strong Native American presence. It's an "easy" read with lots of dialog, but since it is from S's viewpoint there is little description and the development of the character is weak. It seems to be aimed more at middle school since it puts an emphasis on S's unfulfilled "crush" on Captain Clark.

This book may be more suited as an exposition of relations among the various tribes and how they varied from scalping and stealing women and children to make slaves to friendly tribes willing to help the expedition.

Anna says

I wrote a song about my experience with this book. I spent a lot of time on it, so I hope you like it.

Required reading!
It sucks so much.

Required reading!
This book turned my brain to mush.
Required reading!
I fell asleep four times.
Required reading!
This is an educational crime.
Required reading!
Why can't it be fun?
Required reading!
I am so done.

Jacob says

Scott O'Dell writes top notch historical fiction. This tale of Sacagawea is as captivating as it is informative, showing his strength in this genre. My only complaint is that the rich detail from Sacagawea's kidnapping to her arrival at the ocean with Lewis and Clark is capped off with a scant handful of pages for the return journey and no epilogue that tells us the fate of the key figures. Still, I am looking forward to replacing Indian in the Cupboard with this fine novel in my class this year. Pick this one up off the shelf. Solid 4 stars.

Mandy says

This was my absolute favorite book when I was in fourth grade. Even now as an adult, I'll randomly remember a part of the story and it always makes me smile. In fact, my ten year old self loved it so much that the librarian had to ask me to return it. I read it at least six times.

Neviah D says

Timeless classic.

Alina says

Real rating: 3 1/2 stars

This was a really great book! Scott O'Dell is one of my favorite authors, and this book is just as wonderful as all the others I've read.

The best way to describe this, and all his books I've read, is charming. The characters were lovable, there was a good antagonist, and it was all wrapped up in a bitter sweet ending.

The fact that it revolves around the true story of Lewis and Clark was particularly interesting, and I would

love to know what liberties O'Dell took, as it all felt relatively realistic.

Overall I really enjoyed this book, and the change of pace in the writing in comparison to modern day books.

Daniel Cortez says

The author Scott O' Dell takes the reader back to the time of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. We learn about how Sacagawea had such a major impact on the adventure. For people who enjoy learning and reading about important events in history, this book is for them. It provides a thorough description of what occurred and the conditions of the voyage. However, this is not a book that I would recommend to people that are not interested in history. It has a good story and interesting plot, but it seems to be very slow and loses the reader's interest. Personally not the book for me, but for history lovers, it will be a great book.

Tiffany Rodriguez says

Streams to the River is about an Indian girl named Sacagawea who goes from having a normal life to becoming a slave and dealing with the hardships of love and a journey. Sacagawea is captured and becomes a slave where she learns a new language, well some of it. She runs away from a guy who kidnaps her and has to be saved from Charbonneau an evil man. He declares she has to marry him and so do 2 other guys. Charbonneau wins and makes her his wife. He eventually becomes abusive and rude. She becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son. 2 men come and want Charbonneau and her to go on their journey because they are going on her territory. Captain Lewis and Captain Clark were their names. Capt. Clark looks at Sacagawea in a way no one ever has. Soon they have a forbidden love but at the end of their journey it ends. Meko, her son, will go to the U.S with Captain Clark and Sacagawea to get an education. But Sacagawea promises to have him still be an Indian.

Jessie Antonio says

This book is about an independent woman going on an adventure, with a man that she loves. If you like adventure and romance this is the book you will like. The beginning of the story is very sad because the main character gets separated from her family. This book shows how strong and independent a woman can be. The way the author told Sacagawea's story is very interesting. Sacagawea gets captured by a creature called Minnetaree, she tries to escape once, it doesn't work, she tries to escape again, and it works. She meets a man she has to marry, but she doesn't want to. After she meets Lewis and Clark, they go on an adventure with them.

Rosanna Girguis says

The book Streams to the River, River to the Sea, is a book that is written after a true story that happened in the past. This story is about a Shoshone, little girl that was kidnapped from her home village, to be kept somewhere she doesn't belong. Eventually, after a few short years, she was married to a man who had "saved her life". She then had her first child, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Unlike most women around her, she didn't

stay at home to take care of housework or look after her newborn. Instead, she agreed to go on the Expedition with Lewis and Clark, along with her husband and newborn son. This journey was not only tough on the men, but she had it much worse due to her son, which she still had to care for. But what she did help all of them immensely, without her they wouldn't have been able to have succeeded. This gives her a great name in history, and this book highlights her journey and successes. And if I were to be more into the topic of history, this book would have been perfect for me.
