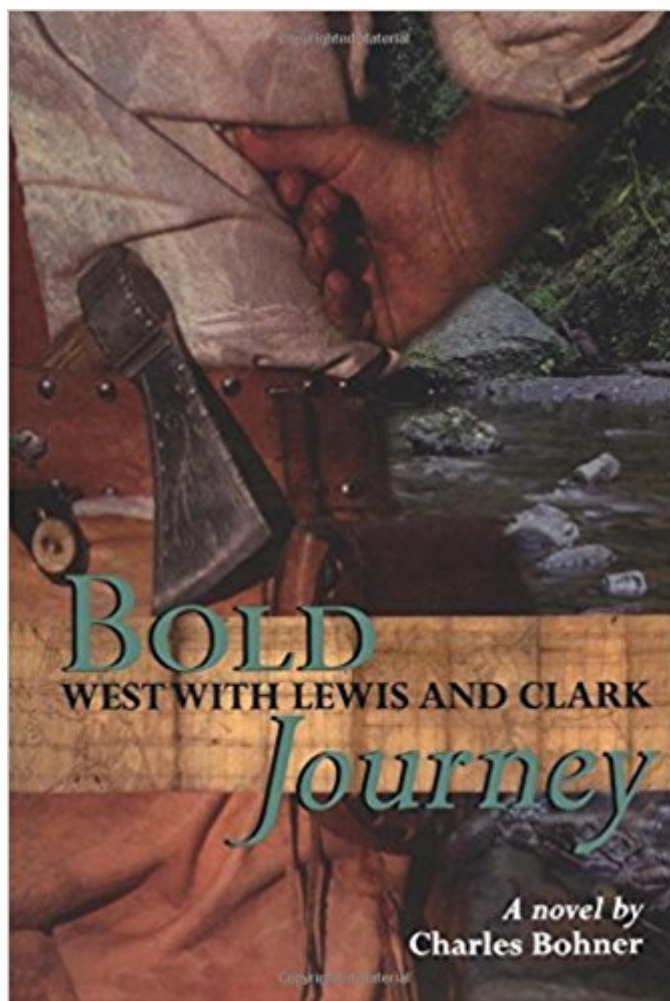


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# Bold Journey: West With Lewis And Clark



## Synopsis

Drawing on journal entries and grounded in fact, Charles Bohner's story re-creates the Lewis and Clark expedition from the experience of Hugh McNeal, one of the youngest members on the journey.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Convincing in detail and well paced, the book has all the excitement and zest of an old-time adventure story set in authentic surroundings and brought to life through the well-drawn characters." Horn Book  
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Charles Bohner has taught English at the University of Delaware and been published widely during his many years of scholarly work and teaching. He published *Bold Journey* in 1985.

Read aloud with my 5th grade daughter while she was studying early US settlement in Social Studies and we both enjoyed. I thought the writing was very well done and flowed nicely and in keeping with the language of the times. It wasn't super exciting but did give a good feel for what kinds of challenges early explorers faced.

Everything was good, as advertised.

This is a novel of the Lewis and Clark expedition, told in the first person by Pvt. McNeal (the youngest member of the expedition). Your young adventurer experiences the trip, its hazards and beauties, and its incredible difficulties, all told in a clear, memorable story. Outstanding book -- includes a map but no illustrations. For illustrations, try: + "A Picture Biography of Lewis and Clark" by David A. Adler + "Lewis and Clark" by Steven Kroll + "Lewis and Clark and Me" by Laurie Myers + "How We Crossed the West" by Rosalyn Schanzer

This is a great book for young adults. With plenty of action, this book grabs the reader's attention at the start and never lets go. The Lewis and Clark expedition is brought to vivid life through the eyes of Hugh McNeal, one of the team's youngest members. From Fort Massac, Ohio all the way to the Pacific Ocean, this team of bold explorers faces one danger after another. Hungry bears and angry Indians, waterfalls and rapids, lack of food and deadly winters all stand in the way of progress. But a trail full of peril will not stop America's expansion and these brave adventurers are there to lead the way. I enjoyed every page of this book and highly recommend it.

This is a book that I have been reading to my children ages 5 and 7, and they LOVE it...and I love it too. The language is colorful and complex, the characters are memorable and texture of events or lack of events feel very real. I am hoping to find more historical fiction about Indian history, Lewis and Clark and early settlers. This sure beats reading children's books at bed time...and I am learning a lot too. For example I didn't realize that whiskey was a staple in the army, or that it was 50 below by the Missouri in the winter time, and yet the Mandan Indians would play ball barely clothed with no apparent discomfort. The reader begins to get a feeling for what a ten days journey really is, even if it is a "small" hunting trip. Societal order, fitting in, bullying, choices and personal conduct are all explored by the first person in this story Hugh McNeal.

My book is called Bold Journey. A novel by Charles Bohner. Some of the main characters are Jack, Hugh McNeal, sir Lewis, captain Clark, captain Bissell, and Charley. The setting took place from the Ohio River to the Pacific Ocean. There was not really a problem until they ran into Indians. There was a big fight. During the fight Jack and Hugh ran into Charley while powdering up their muskets.

They introduced each other to him. After they fled one of the Keelboats sunk. After they found the other Keelboat they also saw the Pacific Ocean a month later. Once they made it the ship mates jumped up and down as if they were drunk. What Charles Bohner is saying is never give up even if your goal seems imposable. If you like adventure I recommend this book because of when they looked for the other kealboat

What sets this story apart from other fictionalized accounts of the Lewis & Clark Expedition is its unique perspective. Written from the point of view of a young member of the Corps of Discovery, *Bold Journey* is an insightful and absorbing narrative of the famed Mississippi-to-Pacific expedition as experienced by the men who lived it. As young Hugh chronicles the adventures, the hardships, and the occasional boredom of this monumental journey, he offers vivid glimpses into the personalities of Lewis and Clark. He also begins to grow in his understanding of people who are different from himself. Our family enjoyed reading this story aloud together.

This book is a very intresting book.It talks about the north-west passage. the explorers are Lewis and Clark are tring to find the north-west passage. This expodition starts in the north-east were the American and Canadian border is. They wanted to find the passage, instead of going around or above north America. Every night they keep jurnals of what they find.Everyday they try to find new routs to find the passage.Up and down they go what did they find who knows? Will they ever find the passage?What problems will they run into? I really enjoyed this book!!!!!!!

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