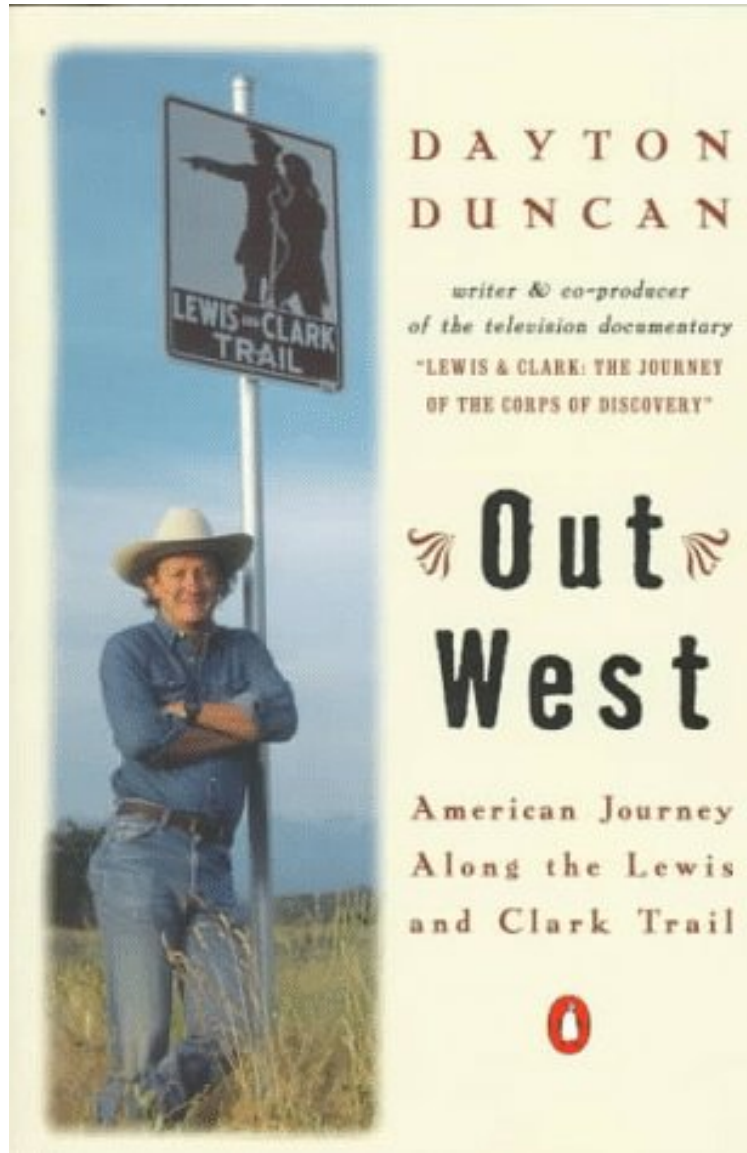


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Dayton Duncan : Out West: American Journey Along the Lewis and Clark Trail before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Out West: American Journey Along the Lewis and Clark Trail:

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. An extraordinary travelogue of a classic American road trip. By A Customer When a review copy of Dayton Duncan's "Out West" arrived in the Ohio newsroom where I worked in the mid-1980s, I snagged it and devoured it within days. I knew right then I'd have to make the trip myself someday.

When I got the chance to write a guidebook to the trail in the early 1990s ("Traveling the Lewis Clark Trail," also available via .com), "Out West" rode shotgun with the Lewis Clark journals on my pickup seat. "Out West" is among the best American road books ever written, full of insight about the Lewis Clark Expedition and how America has changed in the 200 years since then. From Duncan's "road rules" to his insider tips on the best cafes and most colorful characters along the way, you can't go wrong going "Out West" with Dayton Duncan. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable Trek Along the Lewis and Clark Trail By Wayne A. Smith In the early 1980's Dayton Duncan hitched up his nerve to an old VW camper he named the "Discovery" (after Lewis Clark's "Corps of Discovery") and followed the modern route west along the trail Lewis and Clark had blazed almost two centuries before. Duncan crosses the Missouri, winters (for a weekend) at the site of the Mandan Village where the Corps spent their first winter, crosses the plains of Montana, squeezes his way through the Bitterroot Mountains and courses parallel to the Columbia River waterway in his retracing. Along the way, he encounters modern westerners and provides a taste of small-town America in what is today one of the least settled and developed parts of the North America (save for the numerous hydro-electric dams which have turned much of Lewis Clark's river pathways to lakes). Each chapter features a snippet of what the explorers were enduring during their journey and then cuts to Duncan's experiences with the jaunts, journeys and people who inhabit the trail area today. This is not a bad book, and is entertaining at times. It is uneven. When Duncan meets an interesting modern westerner (Indian or White), the recounts are interesting. The author lacks, however the ability to enliven the dull who make up most of us the way Bill Bryson seems to be able to do or the editorial judgement to leave mundane stories on the cutting room floor. The historic parts and place descriptions are rather good and the casual history fan will come away with a better understanding of the great American journey known eponymously as Lewis and Clark. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant reading By Korey O'Dell Duncan's Out West is an immensely enjoyable read! His humor, insight and detail make the book one of my all-time favorites. I grew up only ~3 miles from where the cover photo was taken, I have since relocated. This book takes me home.

Out West invites the reader to hop in the passenger seat of Duncan's vehicle and travel the more than 15,000 miles of his attempt to retrace the trail blazed by Lewis and Clark. 16 pages of black-and-white photos.

From Publishers Weekly New Hampshire journalist Duncan retraces the route taken by the Lewis and Clark expedition, introducing readers to the small towns and people of the modern West, in what PW termed "an offbeat story that successfully combines history, travel and personal adventure." Photos. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.