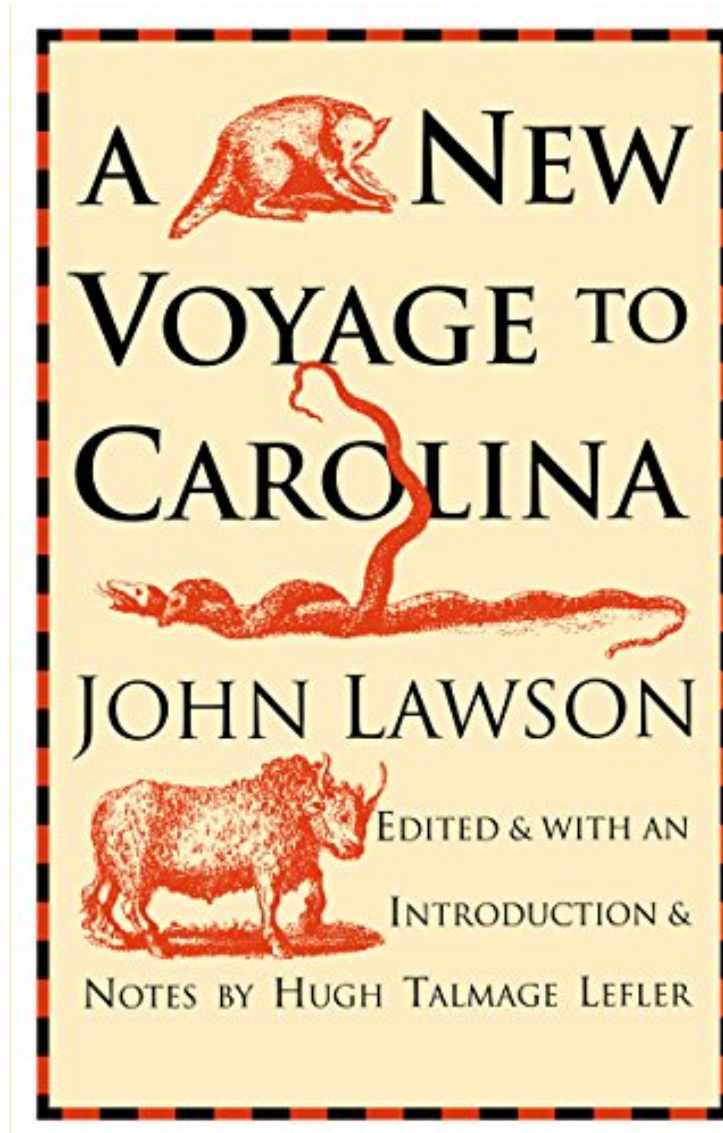


## A New Voyage to Carolina

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**John Lawson : A New Voyage to Carolina** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A New Voyage to Carolina:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. AmazingBy Karen HallJohn Lawson is my immigrant ancestor, and a legend in my family, and yet I was 52 years old before I knew this book was still in print. I was thrilled to find out, and gave it to my siblings and cousins for Christmas. Reading the book was an amazing experience to me, because I felt I was reading it from the inside out. I understand John Lawson so well, and he gave me the gift of understanding

myself better. For people who don't have a personal stake in the story, it's still an amazing read. Lawson was an excellent writer, a keen observer and his sensibilities are such that he was able to see all that was admirable about the native Americans without losing sight of all that was horrific. He was a victim of that paradox, as he was burned alive by the people he so admired. He is known as one of the nation's first humorists, I learned, and in my own generation I see his dry wit. It's also interesting to me that in my generation, there are two professional writers and one humor columnist, and we all recognized our own voices in his. He was a man who left a very comfortable life in London to come and trek through North Carolina before it existed. He chose to begin his trip at the end of December -- a fact that I find astounding -- and he describes life-threatening incidents as if they were minor inconveniences. The courage and love of adventure that define his spirit shine through on every page. Regardless of my lack of objectivity, he was a remarkable man; he wrote a remarkable book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. History LiveBy SeanIf you live in eastern NC, and are interested in its history, this is a good start. Lawson explored the colony and documented what he saw, heard, and tasted. Its written in the 1700's so, reading it does require a little translation into today's terms. But its interesting to see place names and spellings. also to read his accounts f animals in the area that aren't here anymore. We had buffaloes. Also french colonists were in the area of the Trent river. Never knew that before. Most interesting is his interactions with the Natives. He had respect for them and their way of life which is quite a change from what we here of early explorers. Its even more astonishing when considering he died at their hands. All in all an interesting read and I learned a little of my history0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I purchased the less expensive paperback, which does not ...By Concordial purchased the less expensive paperback, which does not include Lawson's drawings. I feel they are important to his story, but the can also be found online.

John Lawson's amazingly detailed yet lively book is easily one of the most valuable of the early histories of the Carolinas, and it is certainly one of the best travel accounts of the early eighteenth-century colonies. An inclusive account of the manners and customs of the Indian tribes of that day, it is also a minute report of the soil, climate, trees, plants, animals, and fish in the Carolinas. Lawson's observation is keen and thorough; his style direct and vivid. He misses nothing and recounts all -- from the storms at sea to his impressions of New York in 1700, the trip down the coast to Charleston, and his travels from there into North Carolina with his Indian guides. The first edition of this work was published in London in 1709. While various editions followed in the eighteenth century -- including two in German -- this edition is a true copy of the original and is the first to include a comprehensive index. It also contains "The Second Charter," "An Abstract of the Constitution of Carolina," Lawson's will, and several previously unpublished letters written by Lawson. A number of DeBry woodcuts of John White's drawings of Indian life, sketches of the beasts of Carolina which appeared in the original 1709 edition, and Lawson's map contribute additional interest to this volume.

About the Author John Lawson, explorer, surveyor, and naturalist, was from the Yorkshire region of England. He arrived in the Carolinas in 1700 and soon after began the first of a series of travels in the region. Eventually, he took up residence in present-day Bath, North Carolina, and in 1708 became the official surveyor for the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. In the late summer of 1711, on another trip to explore the interior of the region, Lawson was captured and put to death by Tuscarora Indians.