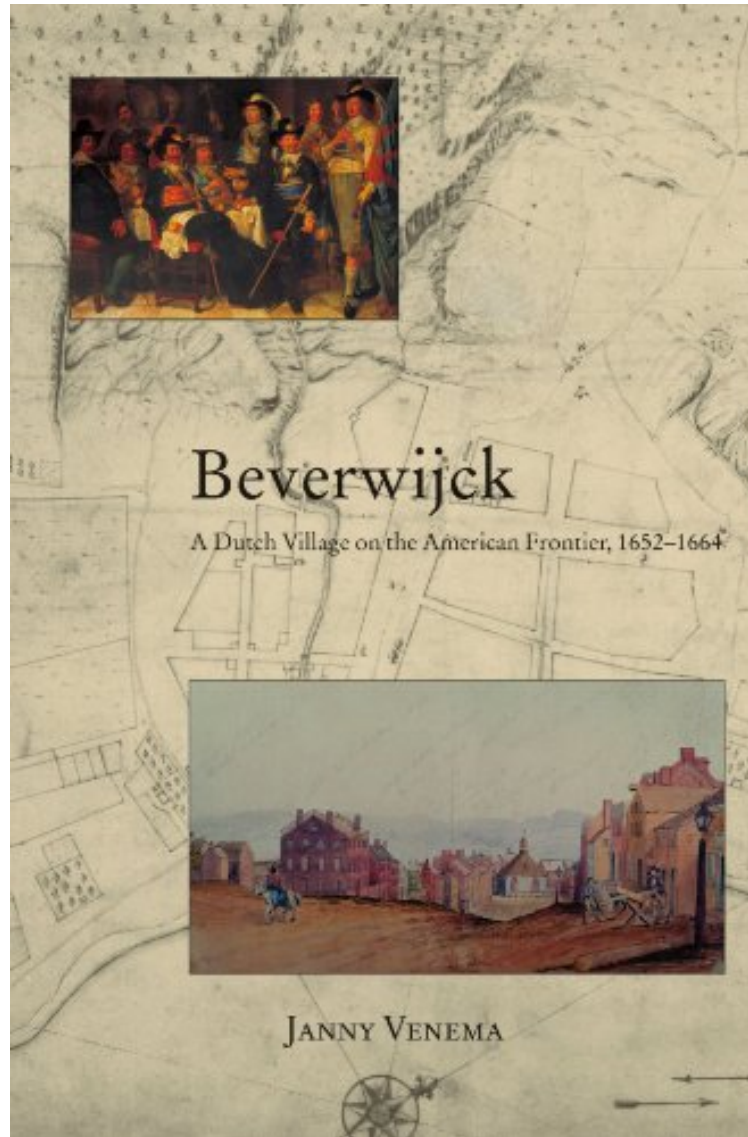


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scholar but just someone who fell in love with the story because of Russell Shorto's account, "Island at the Center of the Earth." I'd say this is a worthy read for anyone who lives in or loves Albany, NY and wants to know its foundational history. The quick version is that the Dutch needed money to fight with Spain and beaver furs and pelts were worth a fortune and where Albany is, the Dutch erected Fort Orange and traded for beaver nearly to extinction. The "new world" was the resource after the population in Russia had been decimated by the same activity. As "Beaver Village" developed, many principles of government came into use that expressed Iroquois values as well as ideas from the Netherlands, which was forced toward democracy by its combination of water emergencies and regional independence. Those elements really became the paradigm we live with now as our ideal. Now I say this without being a perfect scholar of the matter, just a dabbler, so someone else may correct me and I won't take offense. This is what makes so compelling reading the Dutch adventures into what we now call New York State (because the British vanquished the Dutch and named it all after the Duke of York). Still, it was never a frontier suited for imperial governance and the British, we know, didn't keep it long. Janny Venema is a fine scholar and whether this work is arcane or for your coffee table maybe depends on where you live and what intrigues you personally. Without question, it is a finely detailed and thoroughly presented accounting of how things were in the middle 1600s. ps, my eclectic bookseller bought it. In Oregon.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Essential for the family historianBy Long term customerThis is the most comprehensive text available covering the early years of Albany. Includes a great deal of detail about the early residents and is essential for the family researcher. I have purchased 2 copies, one for home and one for the office as I refer to it so frequently. My compliments to the author, it is much appreciated.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. beverwijckBy Thomas C. ClackThis is an excellent book. Extremely well researched. It tells how the present city of Albany in Upstate NY, got started. It's first Dutch inhabitants, the first settlers and all the information that has been gathered recently by translating the old documents that were lingering in the basements of NY State capitol buildings.It's fun to read what people did as professions, their early laws, the emancipation of women and even their clothes.Highly recommended for any history buff.

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