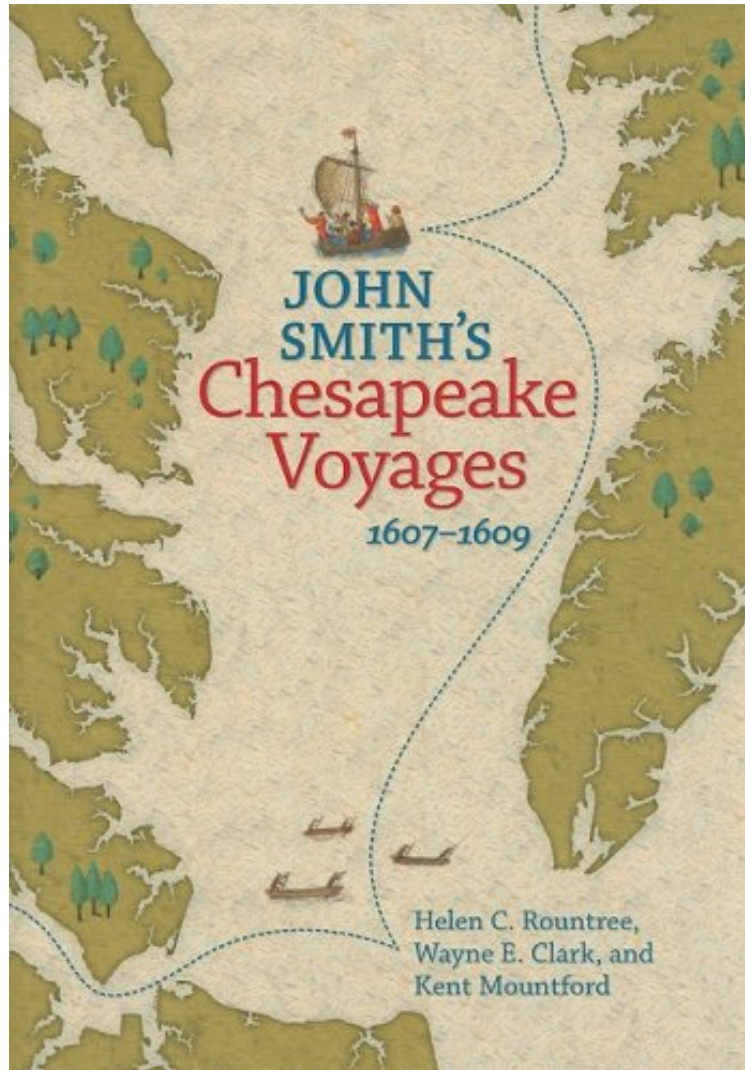


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**Helen C. Rountree, Wayne E. Clark, Kent Mountford : John Smith's Chesapeake Voyages, 1607-1609** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John Smith's Chesapeake Voyages, 1607-1609:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice Book about Smith but mainly background information By S. Hock Nicely printed book. Good paper and nice illustrations, maps and layout. Got me wondering about its accuracy when it attributed a John White drawing (p.43) of the Indian village of Pomeiooc as being located in the Albemarle Sound when it is most certainly on the Pamlico Sound, NC. Hope that's just an accident and the accuracy is better on other elements of the story. Only about 30% of this book really discusses The Smith voyages. The rest is background,

environmental and geographical information. If you are looking for "pure Smith" book, this isn't it. I was somewhat disappointed that the title didn't seem to fit the presented material and seemed chosen to merely to sell the book. There is plenty of good, interesting info presented. It's not just about the Smith voyages. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Do you love the Chesapeake Bay? By Howard A. Daniel III This book probably has more detail than the average reader wants to know about the Chesapeake Bay region of John Smith's time. But if your relatives arrived in this region during the time covered, you will be very interested in it. And if you are also interested in the history of this region, it is THE guide for you. Fantastically interesting book for me and I learned a lot too! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By wackee Well Written and informative!

Captain John Smith's voyages throughout the new world did not end--or, for that matter, begin--with the trip on which he was captured and brought to the great chief Powhatan. Partly in an effort to map the region, Smith covered countless leagues of the Chesapeake Bay and its many tributary rivers, and documented his experiences. In this ambitious and extensively illustrated book, scholars from multiple disciplines take the reader on Smith's exploratory voyages and reconstruct the Chesapeake environment and its people as Smith encountered them. Beginning with a description of the land and waterways as they were then, the book also provides a portrait of the native peoples who lived and worked on them--as well as the motives, and the means, the recently arrived English had at their disposal for learning about a world only they thought of as "new." Readers are then taken along on John Smith's two expeditions to map the bay, an account drawn largely from Smith's own journals and told by the coauthor, an avid sailor, with a complete reconstruction of the winds, tides, and local currents Smith would have faced. The authors then examine the region in more detail: the major river valleys, the various parts of the Eastern Shore, and the head of the Bay. Each area is mapped and described, with added sections on how the Native Americans used the specific natural resources available, how English settlements spread, and what has happened to the native people since the English arrived. The book concludes with a discussion on the changes in the region's waters and its plant and animal life since John Smith's time--some of which reflect the natural shifts over time in this dynamic ecosystem, others the result of the increased human population and the demands that come with it. Published by the University of Virginia Press in association with Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, and the U.S. National Park Service, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and Maryland Historical Trust.

Not only an engaging account of Smith's travels around Chesapeake Bay but also a fresh and exciting introduction to the native peoples in their natural environment at the time of English exploration and settlement.... Crisply and clearly written. The style should delight the general reader. (Brooks Miles Barnes, Eastern Shore Public Library, coeditor of *Seashore Chronicles: Three Centuries of the Virginia Barrier Islands*) About the Author Helen C. Rountree, Professor Emerita of Anthropology at Old Dominion University, is the author most recently of *Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanough: Three Indian Lives Changed by Jamestown (Virginia)*. Wayne E. Clark is Executive Director of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland. Ecologist and environmental historian Kent Mountford is the author of *Closed Sea: From the Manasquan to the Mullica*.