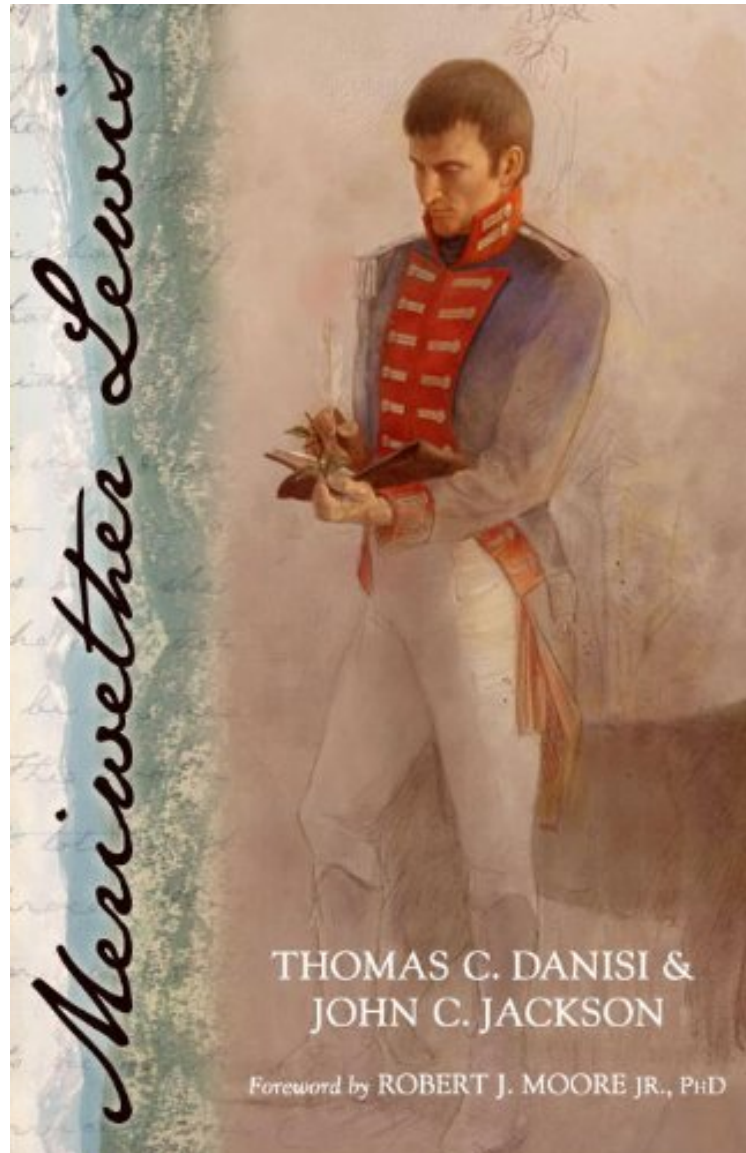


Meriwether Lewis

Thomas C. Danisi, John C. Jackson

**Download PDF | ePub | DOC | audiobook | ebooks*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#497490 in Books Prometheus Books 2009-03-24 2009-03-24 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.25 x 1.20 x 6.251, 1.56 #File Name: 1591027020424 pages | File size: 63.Mb

Thomas C. Danisi, John C. Jackson : Meriwether Lewis before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Meriwether Lewis:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. OUSTANDINGBy Gary KThis book, in my opinion, is perhaps the new benchmark, and indisputable gold standard on the subject of Meriwether Lewis. The authors painstakingly document their research on the subject of this most intriguing explorer and historical icon and they provide much information on the difficulties and hardships of life during this epoch of history. They also propose insight to the

relationships that Lewis had with those in his realm of influence and how those relationships impacted his life. While a very thoughtful read, one must pay attention to the details and in so doing, will come away with an enlightened perspective on this man's life and death. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No good
By JB Wilson This was possibly the most boring book I have read and I am fascinated by the life of the subject. The excruciating minutia of the details that no one would care about and that are not relevant to the story were astounding. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent reading. Capt
By Joseph Dimaggio Excellent reading. Capt. Lewis is a favorite of mine and this new biography will find a perfect niche in my Corps of Discovery section of my book collection

October 11, 2009 marks the bicentennial of Meriwether Lewis's death. As the leader of the Lewis and Clark expedition, an epic exploration of uncharted territory west of the Mississippi, Lewis has been the subject of several biographies, yet much of the published information is unreliable. A number of myths surrounding his life and death persist. Now independent scholars Thomas C. Danisi and John C. Jackson have written this definitive biography based on twelve years of meticulous research. They have re-examined the original Lewis and Clark documents and searched through obscure and overlooked sources to reveal a wealth of fascinating new information on the enigmatic character and life of Meriwether Lewis. Instead of focusing on the Lewis and Clark expedition, the authors concentrate on what Lewis was doing immediately before and after the journey through Western territory. They assess his role as a natural scientist and as governor of the Louisiana Territory. His lifelong mentor, Thomas Jefferson, thrust the latter role upon Lewis during a time of crisis. As Danisi and Jackson reveal, he would much rather have devoted this time compiling his notes and scientific findings into a vivid narrative of the expedition's adventures. Finally, using medical documentation, the book reveals the actual cause of Lewis's untimely death. The authors address both the conspiracy theories regarding murder as the cause of Lewis's death and the longstanding belief that he committed suicide. The Meriwether Lewis that emerges from this thoroughly researched biography is a man of honorable intentions who met severe challenges and handled difficult confrontations with patience and diplomacy. Both professional historians and armchair devotees of American history will want to add this important new work to their libraries.

From Publishers Weekly Independent historians Danisi and Jackson offer a meticulously researched, if occasionally obsessive, account of Meriwether Lewis's life, focused primarily on the tragically short years after the famous Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806. The authors propose the novel but credible theory that Lewis's mysterious 1809 death, generally considered a suicide, was a result of unwitting self-poisoning with mercury treatments for his recurring, debilitating bouts of malaria. In the process, the authors also effectively debunk conspiracy theorists' suggestions that Lewis was murdered. After the expedition, Lewis served as governor of the Louisiana territory, was embroiled in the convoluted and harsh politics of the territory and worked sedulously on Indian affairs. Although Danisi and Jackson's choice to focus on Lewis's post-1806 life is understandable given the numerous expedition histories, Lewis's last years will be less compelling to many readers than his iconic journey across the American continent. In the end, regardless of how well researched and insightful, this work is likely to be appreciated almost exclusively by professional historians and Lewis and Clark enthusiasts. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. openlettersmonthly.com/blog/microreview-meriwether-lewis-by-thomas-c-danisi-and-john-c-jackson/ "It's hard to believe that Thomas Danisi and John Jackson have written the first comprehensive, full-length biography of Meriwether Lewis in fifty years, but it's true...[they] are authoritative and interesting on every part of Lewis's life, not just the last part, and of course they keep their eyes always on that great voyage and the book that was expected to come out of it..." --Steve Donoghue from *Open Letters Monthly, A Monthly Arts and Literature*; May 8, 2009
About the Author Thomas C. Danisi (St. Louis, MO) and John C. Jackson (Olympia, WA) are freelance writers and historians. In 2004, they received a grant from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to research this book. Danisi is the author of *Uncovering the Truth about Meriwether Lewis* and numerous articles on the history surrounding Meriwether Lewis and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Jackson is the author of four books on the history of the Pacific Northwest, including *By Honor and Right: How One Man Boldly Defined the Destiny of a Nation*.