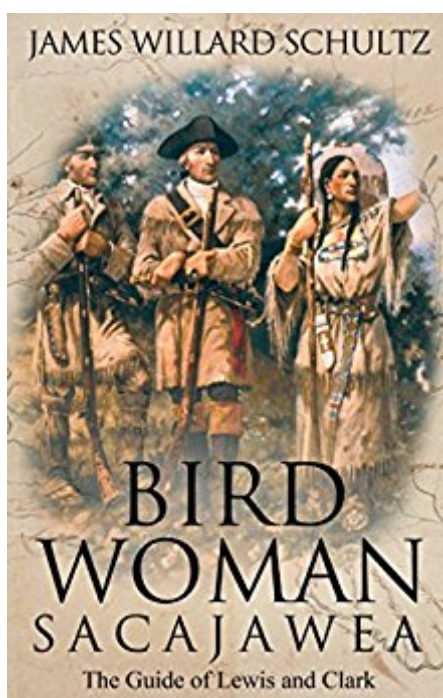


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Bird Woman (Sacajawea) The Guide Of Lewis And Clark: Her Own Story Now First Given To The World



Synopsis

In 1804 a Shoshone woman named Sacajawea met Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. She would spend the next two years with their expedition, travelling thousands of miles from North Dakota to the Pacific Ocean, aiding them to communicate with local tribes and find their way through the unknown lands of the unexplored American West. Through James Willard Schultz's fascinating discussions with various elderly Native Americans he is able to reconstruct the events of Sacajawea's life, from her traumatic childhood and adolescence, being captured and taken away from her home by a raiding party of Minnetarees, to her unhappy marriage to the interpreter Toussaint Charboneau, through to her life assisting in the exploration of the Pacific Northwest. Bird Woman (Sacajawea) the Guide of Lewis and Clark is an extraordinary piece of oral history that provides fascinating insight into the life of this astonishing figure in American history and the role she played in nineteenth century exploration. "James Willard Schultz was a master of storytelling in the Indian manner." John C. Ewers, author of *The Blackfeet: Raiders on the Northwestern Plains* "a dazzling glimpse into a vanished past." The New York Times James Willard Schultz, was a noted author and explorer, who wrote a number of books on Native Americans and their history during his time spent with the Blackfoot Indians. He was given the name Apikuni, meaning Spotted Robe, by the chief, Running Crane. This work was first published in 1918 and Schultz passed away in 1947.

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Customer Reviews

Difficult to follow because of the varying orators presented & the combination of old english with native tongues & sign language presented. Historically it appears to be as correct as the author's presentation could be written. Sacajawea was obviously an indomitable spirit with wonderous fortitude and accomplishing several goals in her pursuits. It gives insights into her will and strength.

Though all of the narrative presented in this book were third person accounts, I could 'see' Sacajawea in her quiet determination to return to her people. This book presents large and small aspects of Sacajawea's life and outlook that probably very few people ever knew about, but instead of a dry account, provides a great picture of her as a remarkable but truly real person instead of a remote legend. I had no idea what a harrowing life she had coming from a Shoshone tribe that struggled at times just to obtain enough food to survive, and then being captured when a young girl and growing up a prisoner of the marauding tribe, and then forced to serve as a wife of a white trapper who won her gambling with her captor. Throughout her life she faced her flights with resolve and dignity are evident as she faces her plights, and obviously were to Lewis and Clark

Just curious, of all the books I've read on Sacajawea this is the closest first hand account almost to the degree while I was reading I thought it was her "autobiography." Of course it is not that but it has great detail into what she told to the people who retold her story here, they being Hugh Monroe and James Willard Schultz. I HIGHLY recommend all Schultz books as they are incredibly authentic and the best accounts of how life was for the traders and indians who lived back then. So the question I have is why there are 43 Wikipedia entries for sources you can investigate on Sacajawea's life but not one mentions this book which has more information than the other 43 sources combined? Have none of the scholars ever read James Willard Schultz books???

While on college, I had the opportunity to read the 1st book of the Lewis and Clark Journals. It included prints of hand drawn maps and plants. Since I have always been interested in the culture of the American Indians was drawn to all mention is Sacajawea and her role in opening this area of

WA, OR, ID, MT WY which I love I have traveled alongside their route many times I highly recommend this book to all western history buffs.

I have never read about Bird Woman or anything by the author before. The author met Bird Woman which aided in the telling of her story. Other people gave additional facts to the author. Her story is tragic and how she became property (Married) to the French trader is a reflection of the time and the feelings toward women. I will read other books by the author (who lived with and knew most of the people in the book).

I learned a lot from this book. Years ago I read a different version of Sacajawea. More of a love story between Clark and Sacajawea. It was still a great read. But this one was more interesting because of the truths I read about the trailblazers -so to speak. Would have loved meeting her if it were possible.

I struggled through the first chapter and then in chapter two it started making sense to me. The rest of the book kept me very interested. What an amazing young woman! I believe her husband was a disappointment to her, yet she still showed respect, It was interesting to read the impression from each author who obviously admired Sacajawea. I'm glad the book includes the last section detailing what can be found of her later years.

I like this author because he tells the story with enough detail to keep you interested, I would recommend this book to anyone interested in the history of our nation and a true version of Indian life.

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