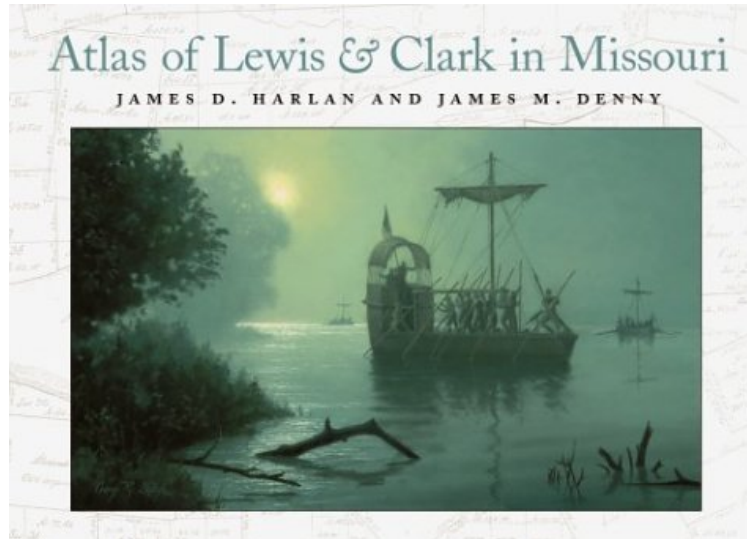


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James D. Harlan, James M. Denny : Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri:

2 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Big Book a DispointmentBy A CustomerThis book didn't arrive until December after I ordered it prior to the publisher's announced October release date (no fault of).This should have been a clue that something was wrong with it. I am sorry to say I'm very disapointed with the "Atlas". I thought it would be a scholarly book with quality maps and images. Instead it is a bloated, oversized coffee table book printed on glossy paper that will probably end up on the remainder table. The plates are decent enough except that they cover only a small part of the huge pages. The maps probably have detail in them somewhere but they too have such small print that one needs a magnifying glass to read them. It gets one star for the map pockets on the inside front and back covers. Too bad they only hold more glossy too large/too small maps. I would advise anyone to forego this book and instead spend the \$60 they'll save on one the Moulton U of Nebraska editions.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not a "Big Dissapointment" at all!By Diana L. DickeyThis book was exactly what it advertised itself as: an ATLAS of Lewis Clark's journey through what is now the state of Missouri. The authors Harlan and Denny painstakingly researched and reconstructed the channel of the Missouri River and vegetative cover based on expedition field notes and those of the government township survey of 1816. There were no such government surveys of Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, etc. until decades later. By then, the Missouri River had already altered course extensively from what it had been in Lewis and Clark's time. This explains in part, why this edition was concerned only with the state of Missouri.Without traveling back in time, this book gives you as close a picture of the landscape as is probably possible. As an Atlas, it naturally relies far more on maps than text to show landmarks noted by the expedition, and where they camped. It is actually an excellent companion piece when reading the original journals as transcribed by Moulton or even the Biddle edition of 1814. Ample information is provided to follow the progress of the Corps of Discovery from St. Louis to the Iowa line. Especially if you live near or are familiar with the Missouri valley of today. it is interesting to contrast and compare what you see today to what it was like back then. For aficionados of Lewis

Clark or westward exploration, this is an attractive, very well written, easy to follow Atlas. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary Atlas of the Lost Missouri of Lewis Clark By Cathy Salter In the spring of 2001, National Geographic Magazine editor Bill Allen was shown a map of the historic Missouri River of Lewis Clark created by University of Missouri geographer and cartographer James D. Harlan. It was immediately recognized it as a one-of-a-kind historical gem. In the April 2002 issue of National Geographic, the magazine featured Harlan's extraordinary maps recreating the natural landscape along the Missouri River as seen by the Corps of Discovery on their outward and home bound journeys in 1804 and 1806. It was my privilege to write the NGM article. I've watched Harlan and historian James Denny at work in the field and cannot underscore enough the enormity and significance of what they have accomplished with their monumental work-- Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri. It includes 27 detailed computer-generated maps developed from early 19th-century survey documents that digitally replace today's Missouri River with the historic river as it was when the explorers passed through territorial Missouri. The maps depict the course of the Corps of Discovery, precisely locating their campsites and stopping points, as well as landscape features noted by the explorers in their journals. Profound changes in the Missouri River's course over the past 200 years due to flooding, earthquakes, meandering and alterations by the Corps of Engineers to improve navigation have rendered it impossible until now to accurately match the descriptions in the explorers' journals with locations along today's river. Harlan and Denny's atlas with its richly researched and beautifully written accompanying 70,000 word essay provides readers with an extraordinary window on a landscape thought until now to be lost. Little has been written about the work of surveyors who mapped the Missouri between 1815-1819 between St. Louis and Kansas City, a decade after the return of the Corps of Discovery. Using 21st century computer technology, Harlan has brought their detailed landscape observations collected in handwritten field notebooks alive again. The result is a collection of beautifully presented and historically accurate maps that match up precisely with Lewis Clark's journal entries. Authors Harlan and Denny know the landscapes they present in their atlas firsthand. Lewis and Clark scholars and aficionados across the country have sung their praises from the moment the maps and atlas were released. Both are in high demand across the state and beyond its borders. This is an atlas to be read, savored, and revisited by Missourians and anyone else in love with exploration. This labor of love and talent is as close as one could hope to ever get to experiencing the Missouri River as the Corps of Discovery did 200 years ago. Bravo Harlan and Denny for giving us back the lost Missouri River of Lewis and Clark!

The Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri is a splendid re-creation of the natural landscape in the days when a vast western frontier was about to be explored. The Corps of Discovery's expedition began in territorial Missouri, and this book of computer-generated maps opens an extraordinary window onto the rivers, land, and settlement patterns of the period. This book is an intensive examination of the Missouri portion of the expedition through a series of twenty-seven maps developed by combining early-nineteenth-century U.S. General Land Office (GLO) survey documents with narratives of the trip derived from expedition journals. The maps are impeccable. The twenty-seven map plates--including twenty-three of the traveled route and four of the river corridor's historic vegetative land cover--depict the expedition's course and offer the first accurate rendering of travel distances and campsites. Some maps locate the campsites in relation to present-day landmarks. Journal descriptions accompany the map plates, which also include old geographic names; historical hydrography; contemporary towns, settlements, and forts; Indian campsites and villages; and territorial land grants from the French and Spanish governments. Geographers and historians will be fascinated by the maps' level of detail, especially the charting of the present course of the rivers alongside that of the early 1800s to show the landscape changes caused by the powerful waters of the Mississippi and Missouri. The result is a reconstruction of geo-referenced maps that give, for the first time, a detailed representation of the Corps of Discovery's course through Missouri, with geographic data as authentic and accurate as yesterday's available information and today's technology can produce. The maps allow readers to better understand changes in the land over time and why the landscape encountered by the expedition differs so radically from ours today.

"For years to come the Atlas of Lewis and Clark in Missouri will serve scholars and Lewis and Clark aficionados alike as the standard geographic reference work on the great expedition's Missouri chapters. The combined maps and text convey a sense of time and place that will enable armchair explorers to experience vicariously the Corps of Discovery's laborious trek across Missouri."--William E. Foley