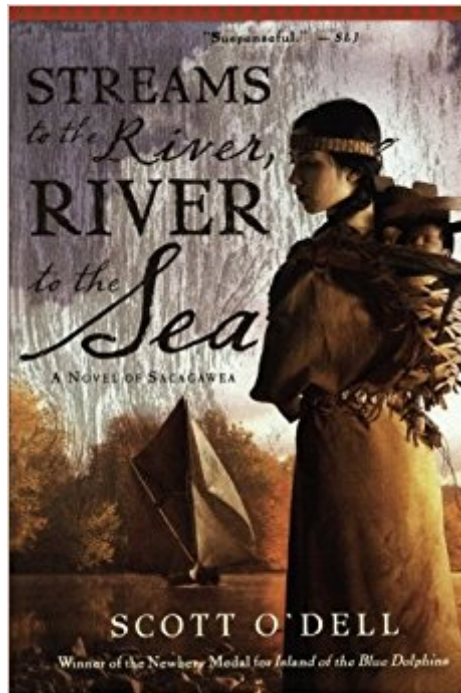


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# Streams To The River, River To The Sea



## Synopsis

In this redesigned edition of Scott O'Dell's classic novel, a young Native American woman, accompanied by her infant and her cruel husband, experiences joy and heartbreak when she joins the Lewis and Clark expedition seeking a way to the Pacific.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Once again O'Dell turns to the Native American for his subject, and in this novel he brings to life the mysterious Shoshone girl Sacagawea, interpreter and guide for Lewis and Clark. Told from Sacagawea's point of view, this is an honest, unsparing account of Indian life and the approaching whites. From the beginning, Sacagawea is calm and practical but fiercely independent; these attributes enable her to survive the succession of traumas that will prepare her for Lewis and Clark. Forced into marriage with a French trader, she is then hired with her husband by Lewis and Clark for her knowledge of the Shoshone language and lands. Sacagawea's narration of their trek often becomes unbearably agonizing as both she and her infant son are nearly killed several times. But her journey to the great sea is not only physical. It is a spiritual journey as well, as she matures in wisdom and in her love for William Clark. Finally, having been offered the white world and Clark's love, she turns away, back to her Shoshone life. This is as quiet and intriguing a re-creation as

Sacagawea herself. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6 Up Those familiar with what is known of Sacagawea from mentions of her in the journals of Lewis and Clark may be troubled by O'Dell's liberal fictionalizing of the known incidents in which she figured. But translating brief, expository statements into narrative scenes and dialogue necessarily requires invention of conversations, probable motives and likely actions and O'Dell uses all of these to move this novel along. His account centers on the period of Bird Woman's involvement with the Lewis and Clark expedition. It is a suspenseful, well-paced retelling of this remarkable, true-life adventure from 1804 to 1806. Those who wish to read other versions of this story might try *Winged Moccasins* (Messner, 1954; o.p.) by Frances Joyce Farnsworth another fictionalized account or Neta Lohnes Frazier's *Sacajawea, The Girl Nobody Knows* (McKay, 1967; o.p.) more expository, with citation of evidence for the possibility that Sacagawea lived until 1884 and died among her people on the Shoshone reservation in Wyoming. George Gleason, Department of English, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Excellent story. I love the strength that the author gave Sacajawea. It was a clear look of strength in spirit, character and physical ability that she displayed. What a fantastic role model for our children, and especially our girls.

This was purchased for a book to read for school. We read it out loud at home so all siblings could enjoy it. This was a great historical fiction book that helps make history come alive for both children and adults. We have enjoyed all the Scott O'Dell books we have read so far. His writing style is such that it is hard to stop and put the book down once you start reading it. We have read several books that have received the Newbery Medal Award, which is awarded annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year. We have not been disappointed by any books we have read with the Newbery Award or a runner-up Newbery Award. All have been great quality writing.

I love streams to the river, river to the sea. It shows much adventure and chaos, but not to much. Its fun and crazy! I say that you should read this book. I know 27 people (my class) that love this book!!!!

This author takes historical people and events and creates a story to go along with it. My son, who is 12, loves this author so much we have purchased every book written by him. They have kept his attention, and he has reread several. My son's time and energy going into a book instead of an electronic device, can't ask for much more!

I have ordered this book for a friend who has it as her college syllabus. We both liked the story to know about American history. Sacagawea being a hero and on a dollar coin we learnt a lot. A good book. Captain Clark cheated her that is really bad. Men are mostly take serious matters lightly and plays that is shown here. Thanks for your prompt delivery but shipping charge is more than the price. I don't like it.

Love O'Dells historical writing. It adds to some very difficult historical events and makes the reader feel apart of thrm.

I READ MORE N THIS INDIAN WHO HELPED LEWIS AND CLARKE. FROM WHAT I'VE READ, THE AUTHOR TOOK A LOT OF LIBERTIES. GUESS IT MADE IT MORE INTERESTING READING.

Good reading. I enjoyed this book. It is also a very good history lesson for the younger generation. I would recommend to all

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