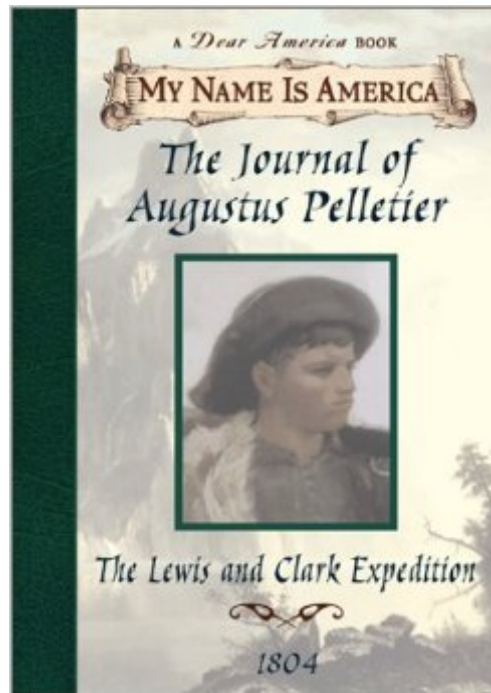


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# The Journal Of Augustus Pelletier: The Lewis And Clark Expedition, 1804 (My Name Is America)



## Synopsis

A fictional journal kept by twelve-year-old Augustus Pelletier, the youngest member of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book was very exciting and what was good, I enjoyed. However, there was one thing that I really didn't appreciate. The use of four-letter words is very abundant in this book. Aside from the fact that I hate that anyway, it's not very accurate. To use words like that in those days, even in a journal, meant a severe punishment if you were caught! I don't think that an author would dare take the risk. This is supposed to be a kid's book, but I guess its gotten so course nowadays that bad language can even be used there and not be taken offensively. Parents beware, if you have a no-tolerance policy on language, you might want to read this first before giving it to your children!

First of all, the entire "Dear America/My Name is America" series is based on historical journals from a fictional child. To criticize this book because Augustus did not exist is unfounded. For the past three years, I have read this book aloud to my students to accompany our Lewis & Clark unit. Every class I have read Augustus to, love it! My students have never walked away confused about Lewis & Clark. I recommend Augustus to all children interested in Lewis & Clark!

This was a pretty good book about the Lewis and Clark expedition in a young boy's view. However at times the book was a little bit boring because I think the author went in too vivid of detail on things many kids can't understand like me. However I think the adventures they had on the trip was very real like the encounter with the grizzly be Augustus. I recommend this book because it will teach you a lot about the Lewis and Clark Expedition but there will be places that will be hard to understand.

Kathryn Lasky does an adequate job in exploring the Lewis and Clark Expedition along the Mississippi River and Missouri River west to the Pacific Ocean. She writes the journal from Augustus Pelletier's point of view which is not always so positive but interesting detailed account of the long journey. For those who are interested in the Lewis and Clark expedition, they will find this edition in the series to be superior with regards to description and details about the land, nature, and the history. I enjoyed the Sacajawea's detailed accounts of Augustus's recollection in his journal. The journal covers a very detailed and descriptive amount of information regarding the travels including illnesses, deaths, and the discoveries along the way. Even though there was a lot of sadness with regards to the losses of the men, there is still this optimism from Augustus's point of view. When you finish the book, you just want to share in his optimism of the discoveries made along the travels of Lewis and Clark even in the worst and most difficult times. I was surprised by how long the journey was for them in 1804.

I found the book a fun read. We travel out west in the summer and you can see where history unfolded in many places. the dakotas is a place we have been through several times and was fun to read how the Lewis & Clark expedition made it. There are several good sites in North and Saouth Dakota to visit! the book helped bring it to life!

My son is totally into these books. They are well written and keeps his interest. These books are highly recommended, as kids are learning this history in school. Makes them want to learn more!

Love the book and received in the time alotted however there were two pages missing and a picture cut out of the book. I still enjoyed reading and passing it on to a friend.

Just loved the Lewis and Clark Expedition. What a wonderful way for children to see what it would be like out there with Lewis and Clark exploring the world.

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