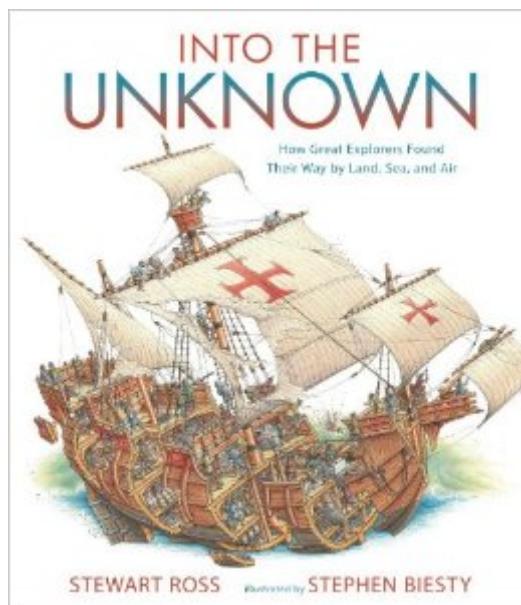


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# Into The Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way By Land, Sea, And Air



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## Customer Reviews

I love to read historical books, both fiction and non fiction. This one is a delightful work of non-fiction designed for the elementary reader, but greatly appreciated by this adult. Ross has given the reader a glimpse into the sort of lives that early explorers lived as they made discoveries that would change the world. It is also a Boston-Globe-Horn Book Honor winner. This book first came out in 2011 as a hardback, but has recently been released as a paperback. Ross introduces some explorers and explorations that I did not know about, such as Pytheas the Greek and the Treasure Fleet of

Emperer Zheng He of China. Every chapter, even those about well-known explorers, has something in it that is not well-known. These details make the book all the more fascinating. For example, until I read this book, I did not know that the Chinese built their fleet inland and floated them out to the sea in man-made canals. I had never heard of Pytheas the Greek and his exploration of the North Atlantic. I also learned that the father and son team of Auguste and Jacques Piccard both soared into the stratosphere in a hydrogen balloon and descended into the deepest part of the Mariana Trench in a bathyscaphe (a feat that has never, yet, been repeated). The illustrator, Steven Biesty, did an amazing job with the illustrations. Although all illustrations are drawings, they are so detailed that they come alive on the page. I was fascinated about how the early explorers could tell whether they were traveling north or south by using the sun and how Viking knarr boats were built so that they could twist in a storm. Biesty's illustrations allowed me to visualize what they had seen.

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