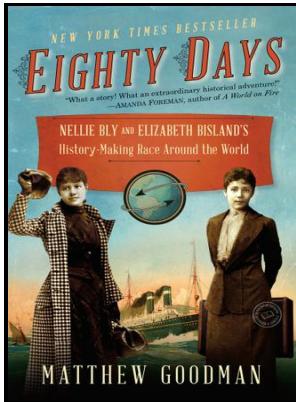


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Regardless of what motivated these moments of discovery, they all contributed to knitting together the threads of communication between civilizations. That's better than offering simple explanations, but the book lacks some power as a result. But other than this embarrassingly fatuous inconsistency it's a wonderfully inclusive account of humans exploring their world.

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I found it an absolutely fascinating topic.

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As a historian, Fernandez-Armesto is extremely thorough. But who really was Cook? Explorers forged the infrastructure of global history first by finding the routes of migration that sundered human cultures then after millennia of divergence by finding the routes that linked them up again pathfinders tells the epic story of how the route finders did it who they were where they came from where they went how they coped with the unknown how they developed the techniques and technologies they needed how they paid for it how they suffered for it and perhaps.

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Chapter 2 is a discussion of humans exploring the oceans a thousand years ago.

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But Diderot, the secular pontiff of the Enlightenment, the editor of the Encyclopédie, did not agree.

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Our genes - selected through our evolution - and the many processes by which our development is tuned within the womb, limit our capacity to adapt to the modern urban lifestyle. It does give a very broad yet admirably comprehensive account of mankind's wanderlust for exploration on a global scale across the many epochs of human history and our socio-political evolution from the prehistoric era to the present, which is no mean feat! If the conservation of species and landscape became, for the first time in Western history, an objective of imperial policy, it was because of what the historian Richard Grove has called 'green imperialism' - the awakened sense of stewardship inspired by the discovery of new Edens in remote oceans.

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