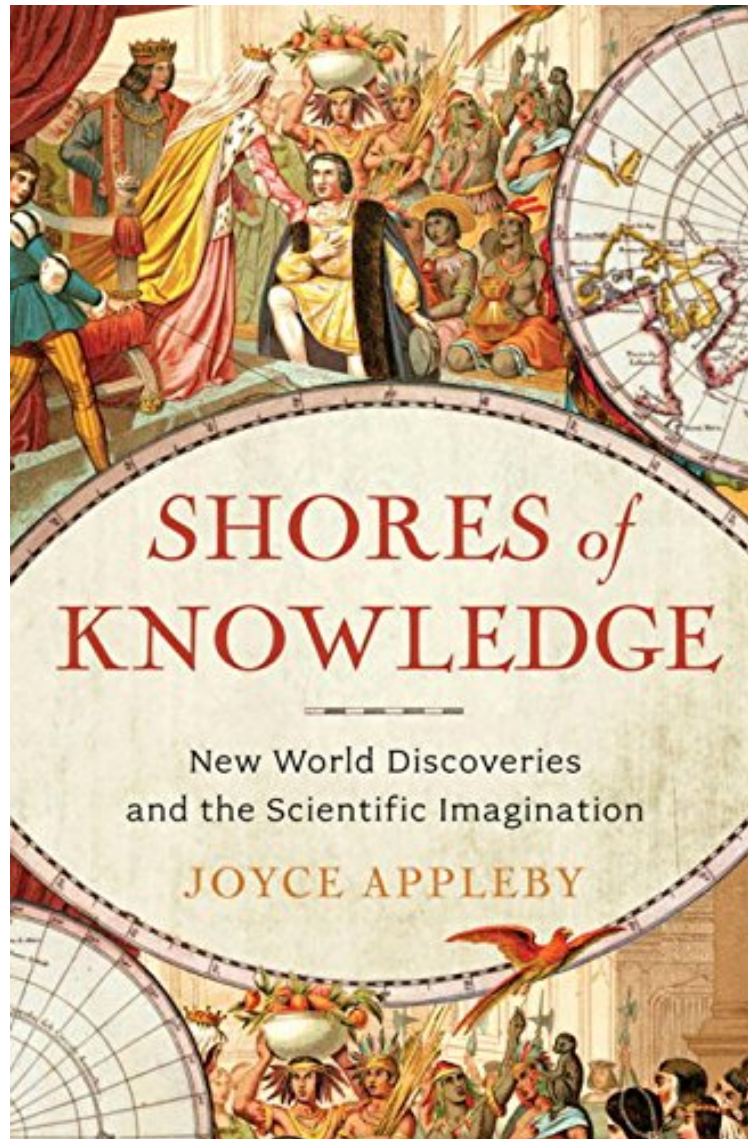


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and informative timeline of new world discoveries and important people of the times, but stories are wordy and repetitive. Not clear if the author is trying to make a point or just share her research. I was expecting more analysis of the impacts on development of later thought and trends of change in society and religion. She briefly touches on impacts generally, but not in depth and does not really explore the effects of the surrounding controversies. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The topic is interesting and the book is well-written, ...By Leonardo Fagundes Fernandino The topic is interesting and the book is well-written, but the main argument that the discovery of the Americas was the key factor in precipitating the scientific revolution is not that strong. It probably played a role, but there were other important social and cultural developments that took place in Europe during that period (such as the Renaissance), and it is not clear how the New World discoveries compare to those other events in terms of their cultural impact. It didn't live up to the hype, in my opinion. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Go ahead, read it. You'll be glad you did. By B. Laslett This one started out a little slow for me (guess I read too many novels) but about a quarter of the way in the scientific and cultural progress precipitated by the discovery of the "new world" seem so much clearer in ways I'd not given any serious thought about before. Thanks much Ms. Appleby - seriously. If you could now explain my life, I'd be home free

An engrossing history of the voyages of exploration that ignited curiosity about nature and gave birth to modern science. When Columbus first returned to Spain from the Caribbean, he dazzled King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella with exotic parrots, tropical flowers, and bits of gold. Inspired by the promise of riches, countless seafarers poured out of the Iberian Peninsula and wider Europe in search of spices, treasure, and land. Many returned with strange tales of the New World. Curiosity began to percolate through Europe as the New Worlds people, animals, and plants ruptured prior assumptions about the biblical description of creation. The Church, long fearful of challenges to its authority, could no longer suppress the mantra Dare to know! Noblemen began collecting cabinets of curiosities; soon others went from collecting to examining natural objects with fresh eyes. Observation led to experiments; competing conclusions triggered debates. The foundations for the natural sciences were laid as questions became more multifaceted and answers became more complex. Carl Linneaus developed a classification system and sent students around the globe looking for specimens. Museums, botanical gardens, and philosophical societies turned their attention to nature. National governments undertook explorations of the Pacific. Eminent historian Joyce Appleby vividly recounts the explorers triumphs and mishaps, including Magellans violent death in the Philippines; the miserable trek of the new Argonauts across the Andes on their mission to determine the true shape of the earth; and how two brilliant scientists, Alexander Humboldt and Charles Darwin, traveled to the Americas for evidence to confirm their hypotheses about the earth and its inhabitants. Drawing on detailed eyewitness accounts, Appleby also tells of the turmoil created in the all societies touched by the explorations. This sweeping, global story imbues the Age of Discovery with fresh meaning, elegantly charting its stimulation of the natural sciences, which ultimately propelled Western Europe toward modernity. 20 illustrations

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