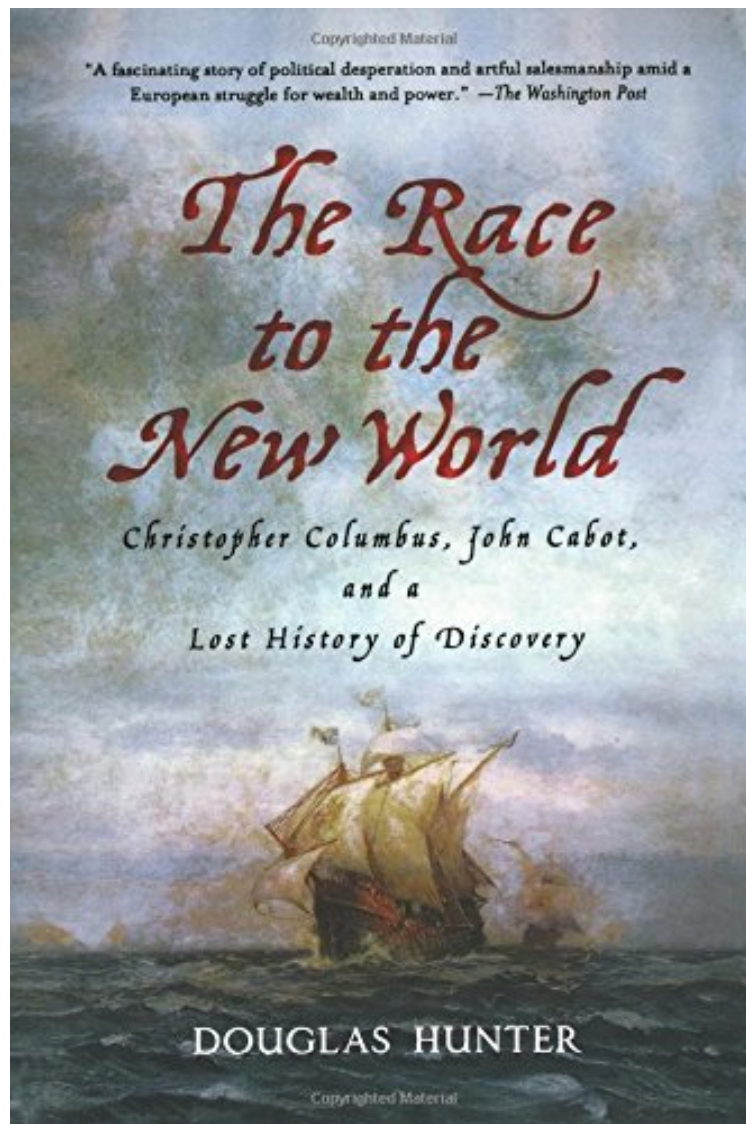


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Douglas Hunter : The Race to the New World: Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, and a Lost History of Discovery before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Race to the New World: Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, and a Lost History of Discovery:

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Columbus, John Cabot, and Martin Behaim By Gene Rhea Tucker 4.5 out of 5 stars. An excellent examination of the connections between Christopher Columbus, John Cabot, and Martin Behaim, showing that their explorations are much more interconnected than previously thought. Good storytelling, good explanation and use of sources/research. There are little bibliographic essays for each chapter, but I would (of course) rather had some footnotes or endnotes. There is one map, more would have been nice. No images. Index. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very Heavy Reading for the General Reader By Bill Emblom I so much wanted to like this book that I purchased both the hard cover and kindle version of it. I was disappointed. Earlier I purchased Mr. Hunter's book on Henry Hudson entitled *The Half Moon* which was named after Hudson's ship which sailed up what is now the Hudson River and was disappointed. I much preferred Peter Mancall's book on Henry Hudson entitled *Fatal Journey*. For starters, the print in Mr. Hunter's book *The Race to the New World* is too small. Secondly I do not find his book, or the one on Henry Hudson, to be readable for the general reader. At least for me he is too technical, and I began to lose interest. I have read several of Samuel Eliot Morison's books on European exploration and have found them to be very readable for someone not being a historian. Mr. Hunter states that John Cabot returned to England following his 1498 voyage, and was alive in May of 1500 while in *The European Discovery of America: The Northern Voyages* Morison states "the only known facts of John Cabot's second voyage are that it departed Bristol in May 1498, that one ship returned shortly, and that Cabot and the other four ships were lost. John Cabot and his four ships disappear without a trace. No report of them reached Europe. Anyone may guess whether they capsized and foundered in a black squall, crashed an iceberg at night, or piled up on a rocky coast." Take your pick, Hunter or Morison. If you are a history scholar you may find author Douglas Hunter's book to be a worthwhile read, but as for a general reader like me, I see you losing interest in this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By PP Daddy Puts the two explorers in perspective.

Every schoolchild knows that "in 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue" but what they don't teach you in history class is that he wasn't the only one. In *The Race to the New World*, Douglas Hunter tells for the first time the fascinating tale of how Christopher Columbus was embroiled in a high-stakes race with Venetian John Cabot to find a shortcut to the East and how they found a New World that neither was looking for. Employing fresh research and new translations of critical documents, Hunter reveals the surprisingly intertwined lives of the fabled explorer and his forgotten rival, and provides a fresh perspective on the first years of the European discovery of the New World.

A fascinating story of political desperation and artful salesmanship amid a European struggle for wealth and power. The Washington Post An intriguing and surprising new twist on the old subject . . . Other historians have paralleled the voyages of Columbus and Cabot, but Hunter interweaves their stories and places them firmly into the complex geopolitical landscape of Renaissance Europe . . . As this fascinating historical detective story unfolds, new pieces of an old puzzle are put into place, providing fresh perspective on the traditional discovery narrative. [An] important contribution to the scholarship of exploration history. Booklist Hunter puts together an intriguing account from an international cooperative research effort among historians to reconstruct sources that were either destroyed or lost ... [He] turns what seems like a well-known story into something well worth exploring again. Kirkus s Using fresh archival evidence, Hunter expertly recounts Columbus insinuating his way into the Spanish court of Fernando and Isabel through marriage, and Cabot's escape from a bridge-building scheme turned bad in Venice into the arms of an England lusting after the riches attained by ocean exploration ... In a fresh account, Hunter recovers the life and broken career of Martin Behaim, who built one of the first globes and likely fashioned Cabot's proposed route to Asia. Publishers Weekly [Hunter brings] greater clarity to the era of Christopher Columbus A welcome addition Highly recommend. Choice Douglas Hunter has produced yet another vivid, original narrative that brings to life a whole period while shedding new light on early explorers who sailed from Europe for the New World. Exhaustively researched, authoritative: I wish I'd written this one! Ken McGoogan, Author of *Fatal Passage* and *Race to the Polar Sea* It is always a treat when new information on an interesting topic emerges, or likewise a new interpretation of existing facts. It is rare indeed to find both in the same book... Hunter delivers... an intellectual and historical mystery sure to enthrall those interested in the early European exploration of the Americas. Stephen R. Bown, Author of *Merchant Kings: When Companies Ruled the World, 1600-1900* and *1494: How a Family Feud in Medieval Spain Divided the World in Half*. [An] absolutely splendid exposition on the initial European probes that opened the New World... The major and peripheral characters in this intriguing drama are brought to life with unusual clarity... A well researched and clearly written account of the Columbus and Cabot voyages of discovery... stitched into the broader diplomatic and mercantile context of the period. Conrad E. Heidenreich, Professor Emeritus at York University, co-author of *Samuel de Champlain Before 1604* About the Author Douglas Hunter is the author of *Half Moon: Henry Hudson and the Voyage that Redrew the Map of the New World*, and *God's Mercies: Rivalry, Betrayal, and the Dream of Discovery*, a finalist for both the Writers' Trust Non-Fiction Prize and the Governor-General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction. He was awarded Canada's National Business Book Award for *The Bubble and the Bear: How Nortel Burst the Canadian Dream*. He is a doctoral candidate in history at York University, and is one of Canada's Vanier

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