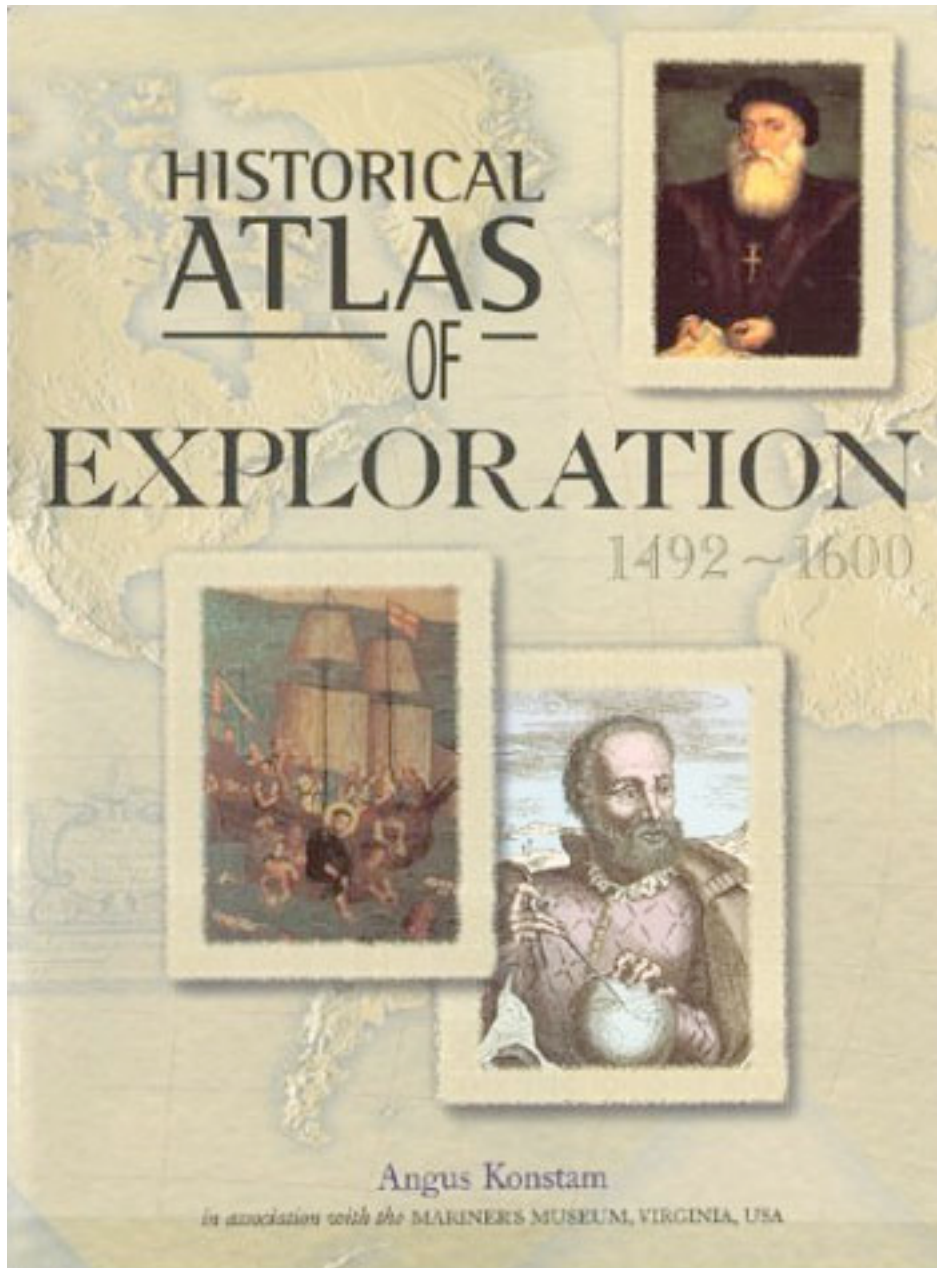


Historical Atlas of Exploration



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Developed in association with the National Maritime Museum, *Historical Atlas of Exploration* shows how humankind's thirst for knowledge and increasing ability to act on ambition created an age of adventure and discovery. The period is a fascinating one, as Europeans emerged from the psychological and physical confinement of the Middle Ages into the flowering of the Renaissance era. From the sponsorship of early explorers by rival European powers to the creation of a new world empire in the Americas, the

book chronicles what is still seen as the golden age of exploration throughout the New World.

Reviews:

"A detailed look at 41 explorers who roamed the world during the Age of Discovery. Divided into 13 topics, the book includes brief essays and numerous full-color reproductions, photographs, timelines, and maps. The bulk of the text is devoted to the explorations. Ships and navigational techniques of the era and the history and cultures of the people these wanderers encountered are also discussed. Individual explorers each receive a brief biography, often accompanied by a portrait. The atlas concludes with a chapter on the legacy of these adventurers." - *School Library Journal*

"This survey of the history of exploration provides an excellent chronological coverage which pairs biographies of the sailors involved with details of the voyages they undertook and the ships they used. Maps, color illustrations and charts provide a fine timeline of events and dates." - *Reviewer's Bookwatch*

"This attractively illustrated atlas shows how humankind's thirst for knowledge and increasing ability to act on ambition created an age of adventure and discovery across uncharted seas. Organized chronologically, coverage includes biographies of the famous navigators of the day, the voyages they undertook, and the ships they sailed; about 200 color illustrations; detailed color maps charting the gradual discovery of new lands; and a continuous timeline of dates and key events." - *Book News*

"Renowned historian and museum curator Konstam, in association with the National Maritime Museum, has produced a masterly account of exploration in the 15th and 16th centuries. After the formation of nation-states at the end of the Middle Ages, Spain, Portugal, France, Holland, and England sent expeditions to find routes to China and the Indies. Because of its geographic position and the leadership of Prince Henry the Navigator, Portugal was at the forefront, charting the route around Africa. Spain explored the Caribbean and southeast North America, the Dutch and Portuguese reached the Indies late in the 15th century, and the English and the French explored what would become Canada and the northern United States. Lavishly illustrated with maps, charts, and paintings, this book includes informative chapters on the construction of ships and the navigational science of the era. Essential for all public and college libraries, this is an enjoyable book for lay readers as well as specialists." - *Library Journal*

"Developed in conjunction with the Mariner's Museum of Virginia, the *Historical Atlas of Exploration* doubles as an encyclopedia of medieval adventurerers. Author Angus Konstam, chief curator at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum in Key West, has organized the book geographically; for example, 'The Coastline of North America' covers John Cabot, Juan Ponce de León and Giovannie da Verrazano, while 'The Conquest of Central America' includes Hernán Cortés and Vasco de Balboa as well as sections on the Mayans and Aztecs. Each straightforward entry includes biographical information on the explorer, along with maps and details about the voyage." - *Publishers Weekly*

"The maps, illustrations and color photographs are first rate, and the stories are...spellbinding." - *BookPage*

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