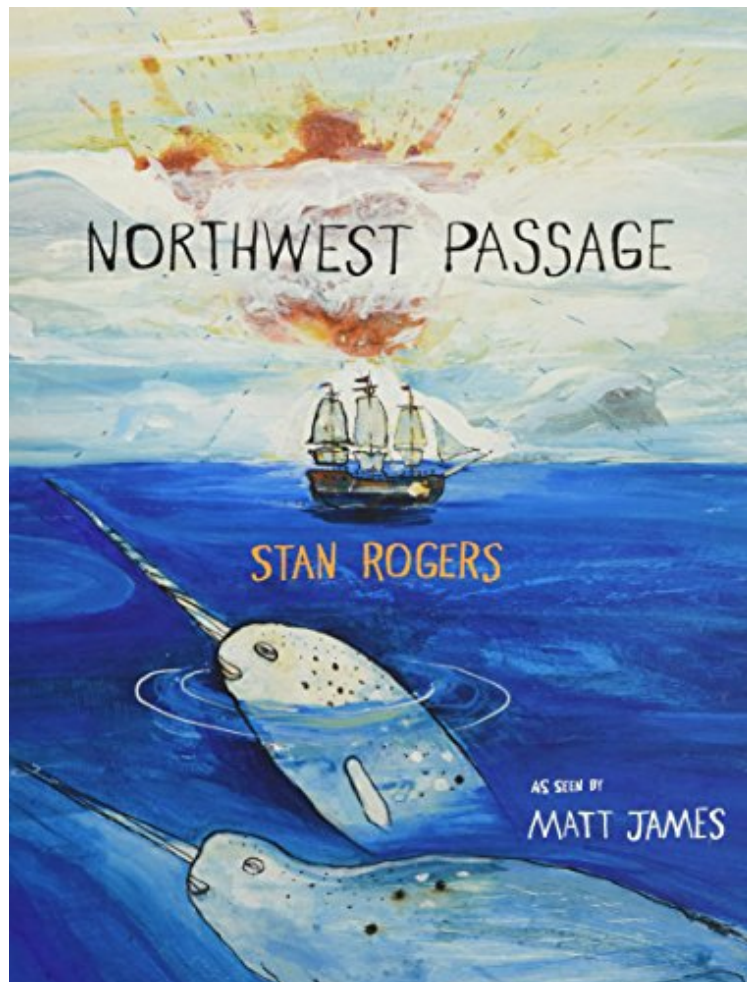


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Stan Rogers : Northwest Passage before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Northwest Passage:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful companion to the CDBy S TildenAmazing voice and amazing artist...lost too soon to a jerk who needed to smoke in an airplane restroom. Funny, image evoking, tear jerking, excitement producing and history teacher...melded into one amazing performer.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy JWGnicely done1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Cool illustrations, but...By M. HeissI wanted a book explaining the quest for the Northwest Passage.This book is based on an obscure Canadian folk song and a cross-Canada road trip by the folk singer's devoted fan (the author.)The background information that was presented was anti-technology and rah rah for Indians, the Knowers of All Things. Too much THE ARCTIC ICE IS ALL MELTING!!!!!!! nonsense and not enough about the exciting explorations.And

Canada-centric. All of the listed explorers are British, no mention of the Perry expedition or, strangely, Matthew Henson, who lived with the Indians, spoke their language, and took their advice for a successful mission. Weird, since the book seems to be railing against the Franklin expedition as Ignorers of All-Knowing Indians. Anyway, I think I would love this more if I were Canadian. Maybe. I'm giving it an extra star for the interesting illustrations, but too many of them feature the author on a road trip. Who cares about the author OR the folk singer? I want a book about the Northwest Passage.

For hundreds of years explorers attempted to find the Northwest Passage a route through the islands of Canadas north to the Pacific Ocean and Asia. Others attempted to find a land route. Many hundreds of men perished in the attempt until finally, in 1906, Roald Amundsen completed the voyage by ship. Today, global warming has brought the interest in the passage back to a fever pitch as nations contend with each other over its control and future uses. The historic search inspired Canadian folk musician Stan Rogers to write Northwest Passage, a song that has become a widely known favorite since its 1981 release. It describes Stans own journey overland as he contemplates the arduous journeys of some of the explorers, including Kelsey, Mackenzie, Thompson and Franklin. The song is moving and haunting, a paeon to the spirit of the explorers and adventure, and to the beauty of the vast land and icy seas. The lyrics are accompanied by the striking paintings of multiple award-winning artist Matt James. Matt brings a unique vision to the song and the history behind it, annotating his illustrations with marginalia about the explorers, including the native peoples of the north. The book also contains the music for the song, a note on the Northwest Passage, maps, information about Stan Rogers (as well as a final verse of the song that was never recorded) and notes on the illustrations. Following on the success of Canadian Railroad Trilogy, this is another beautiful book in which a memorable song illuminates a fascinating history that has taken on new resonance today.

Praise for I Know Here: "[S]imple and profound." The New York Times