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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Voyagers to the West: A Passage in the Peopling of America on the Eve of the Revolution*:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Whys and WhereforesBy Crusty CriticThis book is densely academic, full of statistics, but also containing flashes of insight about the kind of people who rarely feature in history: the ordinary, the middle class, and even the lower class. Taking advantage of a treasure trove of information gathered about those who emigrated from Great Britain to the US in the period just before the Revolutionary War, it gives a broad brush picture of a country filling up with strivers, people willing to risk everything to better themselves. Yes, there are a few with money and connections, but there are many more, including portraits (not really biographies but still of interest) of a few who left a record. It was an immigration without precedent because of the presence of an "empty" continent, which filled up breathtakingly fast, of course pushing out the Amerindian inhabitants and destroying their lives and cultures while at the same time building new lives and a culture that diverged from that back "home" so fast that war was the result.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The book reads like one long footnoteBy Joanne E. AndresenThis is a VERY long book but fascinating. The book reads like one long footnote, so, if you want a storyline to accompany your nonfiction facts don't read this. I loved the recitation of the movement of various groups who arrived on the eastern shores of what is now the U.S. Overall what stood out from all of the facts

was the incredible bravery of people. I cannot imagine sailing to our country once in a " wooden bathtub" let alone numerous times. Some of our ancestors treated Atlantic crossings like frequent flyers of our era. If you can tolerate a research oriented book of 700 pages I highly recommend this book. It will make you think about your ancestors and where your American heritage began. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Extraordinary research By DDC This is a long, very detailed look at the emigration of people from Scotland and England to the British colonies in North America just before and during the American Revolution. It is also well written -- full of stories where information has been found. The complexity of this immigration (from an American's point of view) and emigration (from a British or Scots point of view) is amazing. It is not the whole picture, as it is based upon specific documentation from English and Scots ports (not covering the folks who moved from Ireland or other parts of Europe and Africa). But it certainly makes the relationship between Great Britain and its colonies much clearer than anything else I've read. This is not necessarily a good book if you are looking for a specific person, but great background and might include some clues for a genealogical search. The footnotes and sources are treasures.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Saloutos Prize of the Immigration History Society Bailyn's Pulitzer Prize-winning book uses an emigration roster that lists every person officially known to have left Britain for America from December 1773 to March 1776 to reconstruct the lives and motives of those who emigrated to the New World. "Voyagers to the West is a superb book. . . . It should be equally admired by and equally attractive to the general reader as to the professional historian." R.C. Simmons, *Journal of American Studies*

From Publishers Weekly Bailyn's superbly documented history advances our knowledge of the migration of English and Scottish laborers and farmers from their native soil to wilderness colonial America. Researching this study for 10 years, Bailyn, a Pulitzer and Bancroft prize-winner for *Ideological Origins of the American Revolution*, with this new book is now well advanced into his *Peopling of America* series. This indefatigable historian is the first to achieve a full-scale follow-through on a remarkable *London Register* naming every person known to have left Britain for North America between December 1773 and March 1776. From town records, letters and contemporary newspapers, Bailyn describes dangerous ship-passages and arrivals of thousands of Scots, Yorkshiremen and Londoners in Nova Scotia, Carolina, Georgia, Florida and even the Gulf-Delta area. Focusing on rich British-Scots entrepreneurs, he describes one of the great land-grabs of history and more than incidentally shows why the "indentured servant" aspect of this feverish migration petered out, to be replaced by black slavery. Illustrations not seen by PW. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Library Journal* The "key" to this work is Bailyn's identification of dual migration and settlement patterns one for families and another for single men and indentured servants. Relying on a British emigration register, 1773-76, and myriad "ancillary sources," Bailyn's is a masterful treatment of the "human meaning" of the transatlantic migration. By turns, he employs descriptive exposition, quantification, structural analysis, narrative accounts of many individuals and families, and graphic representations (including a novel portfolio of "portraits and scenes" of runaway servants, based on newspaper accounts). Part of a multivolume study that began with *The Peopling of British North America: an introduction* (LJ 8/86), this is very highly recommended for most libraries. Roy H. Tryon, Delaware State Archives, Dover Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. "These two volumes [*The Peopling Of British North America: An Introduction And Voyagers To The West*] bring to a triumphant culmination not only a distinguished career but some of the best work of an entire generation of American historians .... He wants to come closer than any predecessor to a comprehensive account of immigration to British North America -- the origins, the motives, the experience -- and these volumes persuade me that he has succeeded.... Bailyn has inaugurated one of the most important historical works of the last thirty years." -- David Levin, *The Nation* "A grandly conceived attempt to employ the newest techniques of historical research (notably computerized demographic analysis) to achieve an old purpose: the recovery of a people's mentality from beneath the layers of myth and received opinion that have obscured it.... [*Voyagers To The West*] is conceived on an epic scale and executed with heroic determination." -- Andrew Delbanco, *New Republic* "Voyagers To The West is a superb book.... Bailyn joins the imagination and organizing skills of a master scholar to powerful stylistic gifts.... It should be equally admired by and equally as attractive to the general reader as to the professional historian." -- R. C. Simmons, *Journal of American Studies* "[Bailyn's] concern -- his passion -- is to make the emigrants and their experiences live once more.... His fusions -- of the general and the particular, of the abstract and the concrete, of thought and feeling -- are the ideal of modern historical writing."