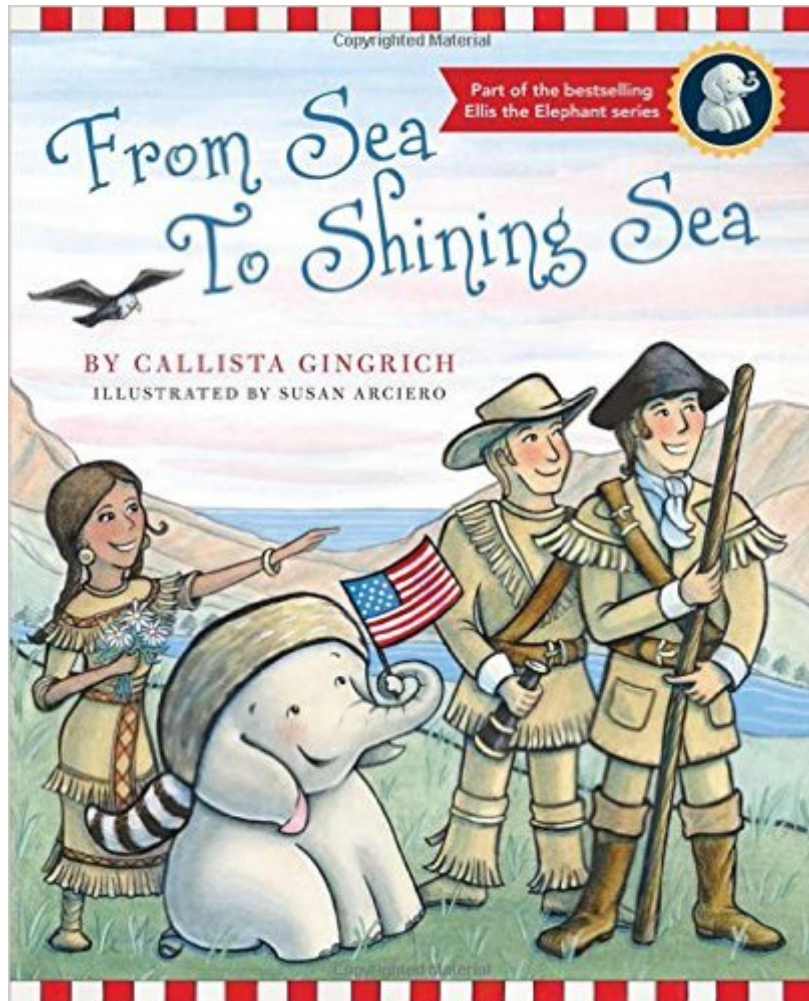


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# From Sea To Shining Sea (Ellis The Elephant)



## Synopsis

Ellis the Elephant is back and ready for another adventure in American history! In *From Sea to Shining Sea*, the fourth installment of Callista Gingrich's™ New York Times bestselling series, Ellis explores the early years of the United States and heads west into uncharted territory with Lewis and Clark. In previous books, *Sweet Land of Liberty*, *Land of the Pilgrims*™ *Pride*, and *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, Ellis learned about pivotal moments that have shaped America. Now, in *From Sea to Shining Sea*, America's™ favorite time-traveling pachyderm discovers a new and growing nation along with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea and others. Authored by Callista Gingrich and illustrated by Susan Arciero, *From Sea to Shining Sea* will delight those who want to know how brave Americans forged a growing nation and spread freedom from coast to coast.

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## Customer Reviews

Great job on your new book @callygingrich! As a mother of three, I am an avid follower of Ellis the Elephant's adventures. Our family has greatly enjoyed previous books written by Mrs. Gingrich and her latest release, *From Sea To Shining Sea*, did not disappoint! My children were entertained while learning about the adventures of Lewis & Clark. During a time when current events underscore our

political differences, it is so important to teach our children the history and values that unite us as Americans. Ellis the Elephant brings U.S. History to life!

Jay Reppart - Vegas24Seven - What an awesome book! My 10 year old nephew and I had a great time reading From Sea To Shining Sea together to our family. This narrative poetic depiction of early American history and the Lewis and Clark adventure is fun and easy to understand for all. We had quite a laugh when I explained why Ellis the Elephant was the main character and not some old donkey.

This is the book you will love to read to your grandchildren to entertain, inform and build patriotism. My 4 and 7 year old grandkids both love it. And both ask questions that lead to more learning. The resource guide is a great added bonus. Ellis makes learning fun. Don't miss this one.

Excellent book series. I got these to read to my three year old granddaughter so she can see there is a reason for books and learning how to read. How good Ellis the Elephant got along with Seaman was not mentioned.

3.5 / 5 I've read this book a couple of times and I'm still not sure about it. It's geared towards children K-grade 3. Many of the words will challenge the younger reader but the concepts are such that if it is being read to the child, they will have no problems understanding it. The beginning part of the book discusses the first few presidents of the United States but quickly changes direction when the Louisiana Purchase is made. From there, the book continues with Lewis and Clark's expedition which then moves to wagon trains. While it is all US history, it doesn't seem to flow well for me. Large jumps in time happen without context. Yet, the story is very well done with rhyming words and short passages. The narrator is a personable elephant named Ellis. The illustrations are big, bright and colorful. Everything you would want in a children's book. There are maps showing what the US looked like in the early 1800s but they are presented to intrigue the imagination. Native American tribes are brought into the story which is awesome. In the back are lots of references that parents and educators can use to further exploration of the topics presented. Over all, this isn't a bad book. In fact, it has a lot of positives. Just don't expect anything more than mostly surface information. This is part of a series with Ellis the Elephant but it can be read without having had read any of the other books in the series. Review by: TerriDisclosure: Review copy from the publisher/author for an honest review.

I've dedicated a good chunk of my life to the study and teaching of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, so you can imagine my disappointment with the present edition. If you're writing for 4-8 year-olds, you need to get right to the point. Yet Gingrich with forced patriotic clap-trap the book's opening does anoint, e.g. "Ellis the elephant loved the American tale, where courage, determination, and freedom prevail." Gingrich runs through the election of the first few US presidents; the establishment of Washington, D.C., as the U.S. capital; and John Adams and wife Abigail as the first White House residents. (What's all this got to do with Lewis & Clark, you query? To a 4 year-old--much, not very.) Finally she gets to Thomas Jefferson, and the expedition of Lewis & Clark, but she'll have lost 90% of her audience after taking so long to embark. She gets most facts right, so that's a boon. However, the expedition gets to North Dakota about 84 years too soon. Oh, and the clunky verse makes it all much, much worse. P.S. For a great kids' book that hits the mark, read Rosalyn Schanzer's HOW WE CROSSED THE WEST: THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS AND CLARK. From its pages, beautiful illustrations and excerpts from the journals do bloom. Best of all, there's no elephant in the room.

I love the adventures of Ellis the Elephant through American history. The book has a lovely rhythm to its story. It's another one in the series where kids will listen intently and learn in the process!

This book's ok, it's a nice introduction to early American history for a toddler up to about a 6 year old. It's written as a stanza poem, with a quatrain structure (groups of 4 lines per stanza), but many of the stanzas violate the pattern of meter, making it difficult to read. As an example, this is one of the stanzas that just doesn't work... "The travelers had gone as far as they could go, blazing new trails for America to grow. They stayed through the winter to enjoy what they'd found, and when spring finally came, they were homeward bound." A better meter would have been something like: The travelers had gone as far as they could, blazing new trails for America's good. They stayed through the winter to enjoy what they'd found, and when spring finally came, towards home they were bound. See what I mean? A little more effort and the entire book would have been a joy to read, rather than awkward. Given that this book is most likely intended to be read out loud to children, it should have flawless meter, since kids really appreciate that.

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