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When Columbus set sail it was a voyage 'every bit as daring and dangerous as the first space-flight to the moon' according to Scoular Anderson, whose refreshingly lively, anecdotal style is admirably suited to making the story of the man and his mission interesting and accessible to younger readers.

Black-and-white maps and numerous cartoon-style illustrations by the author form an integral part of the book's overall conception and design. The blend of humour and factual information is cleverly combined and carefully balanced.

Purists may bemoan the lack of an index, but there is a bumper contents page instead. No fewer than 33 'chapter' headings reflect the author's success in-breaking down his material into easily digested morsels, whilst some of their titles ('What did He Look Like?', 'The Women in His Life', 'Everyone for a Snooze') reveal his sense of fun.

One shouldn't underestimate this lighthearted approach, however. The book contains much detailed information, often ingeniously presented, and makes a genuine attempt to analyse what drove the Admiral of the Ocean Sea to make four unsuccessful voyages, in search of the 'Indies'.

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