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He also reassesses the reputations of these three historic figures. James gives us a real sense of what the world looked like before these explorers set off on voyages of discovery, and he'll show us all the things that didn't exist in Europe before the ships left as well as reveal all the new foods, flora, animals, as well as the unintended consequences that then came back from across the waters as these explorers returned home. James also reveals in his inimitable way the men behind these legends of history – for him even using the word 'great' to describe them might be a bit of a stretch.

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