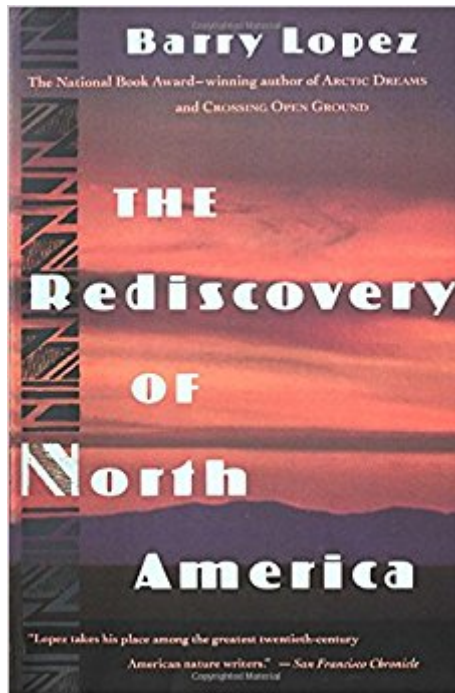




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I'd give out 5 stars if he elaborated more...there seem to be so many ideas he could have explored, but I realize this originated as a lecture; I just wish he would have expanded his original thoughts when publishing it in book form.

Every high school teacher in America should consider teaching this book. Lopez examines a paradigm that has dominated since the time of early exploration and Every history or social studies educator should read this book and consider teaching it to their students.

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Barry Lopez never disappoints.

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