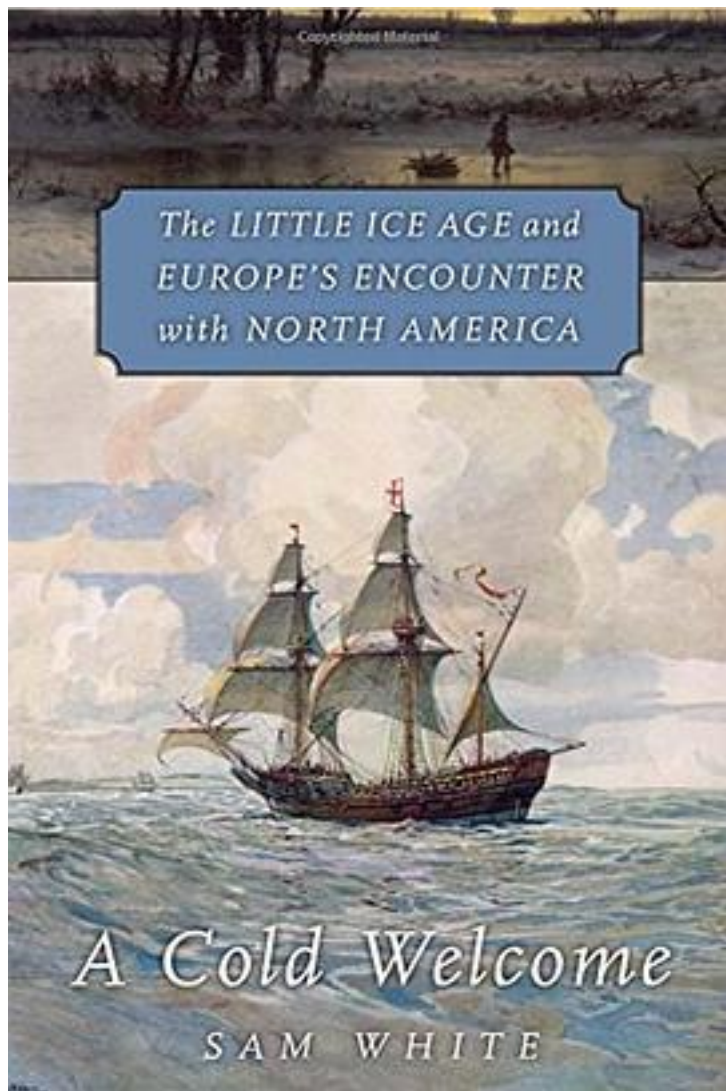


# A Cold Welcome



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When Europeans first arrived in North America, they faced a cold new world. The average global temperature had dropped to lows unseen in millennia, and its effects were stark and unpredictable: blizzards and deep freezes, droughts and famines, and winters when even the Rio Grande froze. This period of climate change has come to be known as the Little Ice Age, and it played a decisive role in Europe's encounter with the lands and peoples of North America. In *A Cold Welcome*, Sam White tells the story of this crucial period in world history, from Europe's earliest expeditions in an unfamiliar landscape to the perilous first winters at Santa Fe, Quebec, and Jamestown.

Weaving together evidence from climatology, archaeology, and the written historical record, White describes how the severity and volatility of the Little Ice Age climate threatened to freeze and starve out the Europeans' precarious new settlements. Lacking basic provisions and wholly unprepared to fend for themselves under such harsh conditions, Europeans suffered life-threatening privation, and their desperation precipitated violent conflict with Native Americans.

In the twenty-first century, as we confront an uncertain future from global warming, *A Cold Welcome* reminds us of the risks of a changing and unfamiliar climate.

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3.5.感谢作者带我复习了一遍高中地理，以及西班牙人是真不抗冻。大部分是西班牙殖民与探索北美的历史，史料部分纯属它认识我系列。不过其中对历史必然性的嘲讽倒是处处能见到，“倘若西班牙人成功殖民北美东部，还会有（新）英格兰什么事？”

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