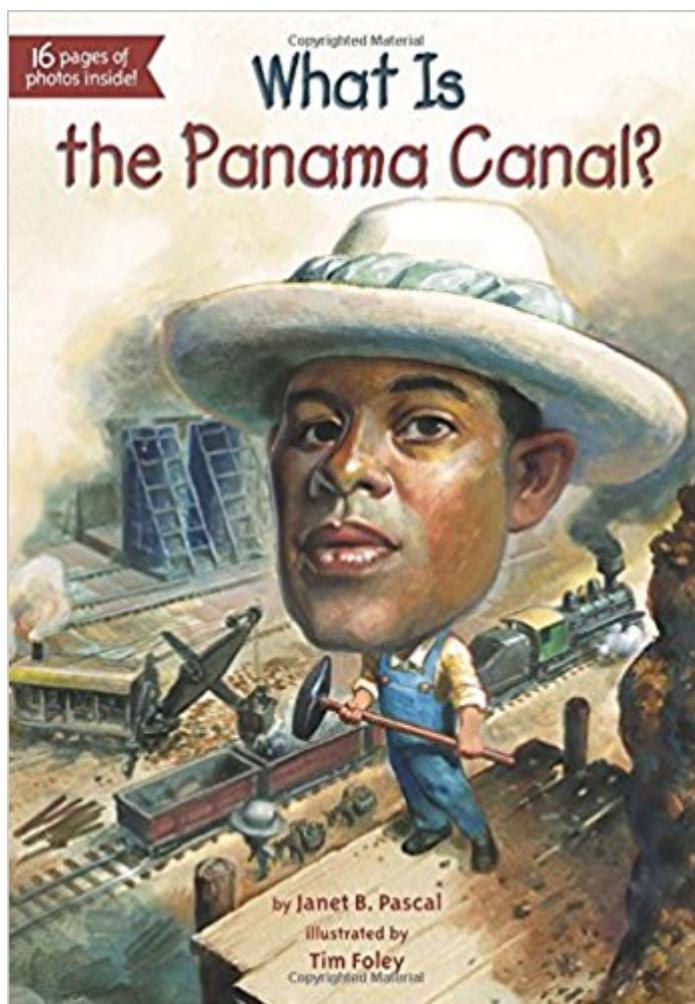


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What Is The Panama Canal? (What Was?)



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What Is the Panama Canal? "I would never . . . navigate . . . round that wretched place again. It is the kingdom of Satan," said a sailor in the nineteenth century. He was speaking of the trip around Cape Horn between South America and Antarctica. "Rounding the Horn," as sailors call it, is one of the wildest, most dangerous trips a ship can make. For as many as two hundred days a year, gale-force winds blow there with gusts ranging from fifty to eighty miles per hour. The waves can reach ninety feet high or more. Yet for hundreds of years, if anyone wanted to sail west from the

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