River No More The Colorado River And The West

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River Colin Fletcher 2014-10-15 At age sixty-seven, Colin Fletcher, the guru of backpacking in America, undertook a rigorous six-month raft expedition down the full length of the Colorado River-alone. He needed "something to pare the fat off my soul...to make me grateful, again, for being alive. The 1,700 miles between the Colorado’s source in Wyoming and its conclusion at Mexico’s Gulf of California contain some of the most spectacular vistas on earth, and Fletcher is the ideal guide for the terrain. As his privileged companions, we travel to places like Disaster Falls and Desolation Canyon, observe beaver and elk, experience sandstorms and whitewater rapids, and share Fletcher’s thoughts on the human race, the environment, and the joys of solitude.

Downriver Heather Hansman 2022-01-21 The Green River, the most significant tributary of the Colorado River, runs 730 miles from the glaciers of Wyoming to the desert canyons of Utah. Providing water for thirty-three million people, it flows through ranches, cities, national parks, and some of the most significant natural gas fields in the country. Stopped up by dams, slaked off by irrigation, and dried up by cities, the Green is crucial, overused, and at risk, now more than ever. Fights over the river’s water, and what’s going to happen to it in the future, are long-standing, intractable, and only getting worse as the West gets hotter and drier and more people depend on the river with each passing year. Former raft guide and environmental reporter Heather Hansman knew the issues but felt driven to see the situation firsthand and from a different perspective - from the river itself. So she set out on a journey, in a one-person inflatable pack raft and with an open mind, and see what the experience might teach her. Mixing lyrical accounts of quiet paddling through breathtaking beauty with nights spent camping solo and lively discussions with farmers, city officials, and other people met along the way, Downriver is the story of that journey, a foray into the present- and future- of water in the West.

Colorado River Ecology and Dam Management National Research Council 1991-02-01 This book contains 11 papers that review the extant information about the Colorado River from an ecosystem perspective and serve as the basis for discussion of the use of ecosystem/earth science information for river management and dam operations. It also contains a synopsis of the committee’s findings and recommendations to the Bureau of Reclamation as the agency seeks to change its management of natural resources. The Last River Stuart Waldman 2005 Describes the expedition of professor John Wesley Powell in 1869 to explore the Colorado River from Green River City, Wyoming, to the Grand Canyon which included three months of riding rapids, back-breaking labor, dramatically beautiful canyons, and amazing rescues. By the author of We Asked for Nothing: The Remarkable Journey of Cabeza de Vaca.

The Mighty Colorado River Jim Turner 2016-06-01 Here’s your chance to take a trip down one of the world’s great rivers from its first trickle to its broad delta. Remarkable photographs show the West’s natural wonders, tracing the Colorado River and its major tributary, the Green River, from beginning to end. The rivers flow through many habitats from treeless tundra to coastal desert, encompassing millions of years of geological history. On their way to the sea, the Colorado and the Green bend through more than a dozen national parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas, and nourish wildlife from majestic moose to fifty-pound trout to tiny lizards. Enjoy descriptions of river communities and some of the best fishing holes and recreation areas along the way, as well as facts about glaciers, dinosaurs, miners, and mountain men. Ride along (staying dry all the way) through the vast Colorado River Basin, which covers more land area than Spain and Portugal combined, and of course through the unforgettable colors and vistas of the grandest canyon on earth.

The Yuma Reclamation Project Robert Sauder 2009-08-15 In the arid American West, settlement was generally contingent on the availability of water to irrigate crops and maintain livestock and human residents. Early irrigation projects were usually the cooperative efforts of pioneer farmers, but by the early twentieth century they largely reflected federal intentions to create new farms out of the western public domain. The Yuma Reclamation Project, authorized in 1904, was one of the earliest federal irrigation projects initiated in the western United States and the first authorized on the Colorado River. Its story exemplifies the range of difficulties associated with settling the nation’s final frontier—the remaining irrigable lands in the arid West, including Indian lands—and illuminates some of the current issues and conflicts concerning the Colorado River. Author Robert Sauder’s detailed, meticulously researched examination of the Yuma Project illustrates the complex multiplicity of problems and challenges associated with the federal government’s attempt to facilitate homesteading in the arid West. He examines the history of settlement along the lower Colorado River from earliest times, including the farming of the local Quechan people and the impact of Spanish colonization, and he reviews the engineering problems that had to be resolved before an industrial irrigation scheme could be accomplished. The study also sheds light on myriad unanticipated environmental, economic, and social challenges that the government had to confront in bringing arid lands under irrigation, including the impact on the Native American population of the region. The Yuma Reclamation Project is an original and significant contribution to our understanding of federal reclamation endeavors in the West. It provides new and fascinating information about the history of the Yuma Valley and, as a case study of irrigation policy, it offers compelling insights into the history and consequences of water manipulation in the arid West.

Goodbye to a River John Graves 2010-11-10 In the 1950s, a series of dams was proposed along the Brazos River in
north-central Texas. For John Graves, this project meant that if the stream's regimen was thus changed, the beautiful and sometimes brutal surrounding countryside would also change, as would the lives of the people whose rugged ancestors had eked out an existence there. Graves therefore decided to visit that stretch of the river, which he had known intimately as a youth. Goodbye to a River is his account of that farewell canoe voyage. As he braves rapids and fatigue and the fickle autumn weather, he muses upon old blood feuds of the region and violent skirmishes with native tribes, and retells wild stories of courage and cowardice and deceit that shaped both the river's people and the land during frontier times and later. Nearly half a century after its initial publication, Goodbye to a River is a true American classic, a captivating narrative about an exciting journey and a powerful tribute to a vanishing way of life and its ever-changing natural environment.

**Sustainability of Engineered Rivers In Arid Lands**

Jorden Schmandt 2021-09-16 Interdisciplinary volume considers how nine arid/semi-arid river basins with irrigated agriculture will survive future climate change, siltation, and decreased flow.

**River Notes**

Wade Davis 2012-10-17 Plugged by no fewer than twenty-five dams, the Colorado is the world's most regulated river. But even the most pristine of the river's water supply of Las Vegas, Tucson, and San Diego, and much of the power and water of Los Angeles and Phoenix, cities that are home to more than 25 million people. If it ceased flowing, the water held in its reservoirs might hold out for three to four years, but after that it would be necessary to abandon most of southern California and Arizona, and much of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. For the entire American Southwest the Colorado is indeed the river of life, which makes it all the more tragic and ironic that by the time it approaches its final destination, it has been reduced to a shadow upon the sand, its delta dry and deserted, its flow a toxic trickle seeping into the sea. In this remarkable blend of history, science, and personal observation, acclaimed author Wade Davis tells the story of America's Nile, how it once flowed freely and how human intervention has left it near exhaustion, altering the water temperature, volume, local species, and shoreline of the river Theodore Roosevelt once urged us to "leave it as it is." Yet despite a century of human interference, Davis writes, the splendor of the Colorado lives on in the river's remaining wild rapids, quiet pools, and sweeping canyons. The story of the Colorado River is the human quest for progress and its inevitable if unintended effects—and an opportunity to learn from past mistakes and foster the rebirth of America's iconic waterway. A beautifully told story of historical adventure and natural beauty, River Notes is a fascinating journey down the river and through mankind's complicated and destructive relationship with one of its greatest natural resources.

**The Colorado River**

Katie Marsico 2015-01-01 A tour of the Colorado's diverse landscape, from the High Plains to the Colorado's mouth on the Gulf of Mexico at Matagorda Bay.

**The Untold Story of the Lower Colorado River Authority**

John Williams 2016-01-04 Arguably, no institution has transformed the heart of Texas like the Lower Colorado River Authority. Born in the Great Depression of the 1930s, LCRA built a chain of dams and brought predictability to the cycles of extreme droughts and floods that had long plagued Austin and other communities. It also brought hydroelectric power—and with that, modern-day civilization—to the hard-scrabble regions of Central and South Texas. With those achievements, and the support of powerful political leaders like Lyndon Johnson, LCRA for years was touted as one of the state's major success stories. But LCRA has never been a stranger to controversy, and while it continues to provide much of the energy and water that fuels the economic engine of Austin and beyond, most people know very little about LCRA. In this book, readers will learn about the forces of nature and politics that combined to create LCRA; the colorful personalities who operated, supported, or fought with the agency; its spectacular successes, periodic blunders, and occasional failures; and its evolution into one of the largest public power organizations in Texas. To learn more about The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, sponsors of this book’s series, please click here.

**Colorado River**

Richard A. Young 2001 This collection of papers on the geology of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River is an outgrowth of informal conversations among Colorado Plateau geologists over a period of several years.

**Canyons of the Colorado**

John Wesley Powell 1895 The Colorado River Jonathan Waterman 2010-10-15 Follows the Colorado River’s 1450-mile journey from its headwaters high in the Colorado Rockies to its dried-up delta touching the Sea of Cortez, discussing its historical, geographical, and environmental significance.

**A Colorado River Reader**

Richard F. Fleck 2000 Collects seventeen pieces celebrating the Colorado River and its environs.

**River of Contrasts**

Margie Crisp 2012-04-10 Writer and artist Margie Crisp has traveled the length of Texas’ Colorado River, which rises in Dawson County, south of Lubbock, and flows 860 miles southeast across the state to its mouth on the Gulf of Mexico at Matagorda Bay. Echoing the truth of Heraclitus’s ancient dictum, the river’s character changes dramatically from its dusty headwaters on the High Plains to its meandering presence on the coastal prairie. The Colorado is the longest river with both its source and its mouth in Texas, and its water, from beginning to end, provides for the state’s agricultural, municipal, and recreational needs. As Crisp notes, the Colorado River is perhaps most frequently associated with its middle reaches in the Hill Country, where it has been damned to create the six reservoirs known as the Highland Lakes. Following Crisp as she explores the river, sometimes with her fisherman husband, readers meet the river’s denizens—animal, plant, and human—and learn something about the natural history, the politics, and those who influence the fate of the river and the water it carries. Those who live intimately with the natural landscape inevitably formulate emotional responses to their surroundings, and the people living on or near the Colorado River are no exception. Crisp’s own loving tribute to the river and its inhabitants is enhanced by the exquisite art she has created for this book. Her photographs and maps round out the useful and beautiful accompaniments to this thoughtful portrait of one of Texas’ most beloved rivers. Book website: www.coloradorivertx.com Book blog: riverofcontrasts.wordpress.com Author website: www.margiecrisp.com Former first lady Laura Bush unveils this year’s Texas Book Festival poster designed by artist Margie Crisp. The poster features cliff swallows flying over the Colorado River. Photo by Grant Miller The Emerald Mile Kevin Fedarko 2014-07 An award-winning Outside magazine writer documents the 1983 Colorado River flood that threatened the region with a catastrophic dam failure and prompted oarsman Kenton Grua’s near-suicidal effort to navigate the turbulent waters of the Emerald Mile on a small wooden dory to achieve a world speed record.

**Colorado River Basin Water Management**

National Research Council 2007-06-30 Recent studies of past climate and streamflow conditions have broadened understanding of long-term water availability in the Colorado River, revealing many periods when streamflow was lower than at any time in the past 100 years of recorded flows. That information, along with two important trends—a rapid
increase in urban populations in the West and significant climate warming in the region—will require that water managers prepare for possible reductions in water supplies that cannot be fully averted through traditional means. Colorado River Basin Water Management assesses existing scientific information, including temperature and streamflow records, tree-ring based reconstructions, and climate model projections, and how it relates to Colorado River water supplies and demands, water management, and drought preparedness. The book concludes that successful adjustments to new conditions will entail strong and sustained cooperation among the seven Colorado River basin states and recommends conducting a comprehensive basinwide study of urban water practices that can be used to help improve planning for water deficits and water shortages. Where the River Ends Shaylilh Muehlmann 2013-05-23 Where the River Ends examines the response of the Cucapah people of Mexico’s northwest coast to the state’s claim that they are not “indigenous enough” to merit the special fishing rights which would allow them to subsist during environmental crisis. Sunk Without a Sound Brad Dimock 2001 In November 1928 an empty scow was found adrift and empty in the Colorado River. No bodies were found. But since 1971 several people have been found drowned in what is thought to be the occupants; one confesses to being a murderer. Fly Fishing Guide to the Colorado River and Tributaries Bob Dye 2018-06-01 A complete, all-seasons guide to the Colorado River and tributaries including Roaring Fork, Eagle, Fraser, and Fryingpan. Includes breathtaking images, fly patterns, hatch information, and more. In the Heart of the Rockies George Alfred Henty 1894 Restoring Colorado River Ecosystems Robert W. Adler 2012-06-22 Over the past century, humans have molded the Colorado River to serve their own needs, resulting in significant impacts to the river and its ecosystems. Today, many scientists, public officials, and citizens hope to restore some of the lost resources in portions of the river and its surrounding lands. Environmental restoration on the scale of the Colorado River basin is immensely challenging; in addition to an almost overwhelming array of technical difficulties, it is fraught with perplexing questions about the appropriate goals of restoration and the extent to which environmental restoration must be balanced against environmental changes designed to promote and sustain human economic development. Restoring Colorado River Ecosystems explores the many questions and challenges surrounding the issue of large-scale restoration of the Colorado River basin, and of large-scale restoration in general. Robert W. Adler evaluates the relationships among the laws, policies, and institutions governing use and management of the Colorado River for human benefit and those designed to protect and restore the river and its environment. He examines and critiques the often competing values, and the nature, pace, and implications of environmental change. It is about our place in the natural environment, and whether there are limits to that presence we ought to respect. And it is about our responsibility to the ecosystems we live in and use. Colorado River Lavender 2002 A comprehensive history of the region drained by the Colorado River and the people who have passed through and settled in that region over the past four hundred years Where the Water Goes David Owen 2018-04-19 “Wonderfully written...Mr. Owen writes about water, but in these polarized times the lessons he shares spill into other arenas. The world of water rights and wrongs along the Colorado River offers hope for other problems.” —Wall Street Journal An eye-opening account of where our water goes is crucial to our future: how a patchwork of engineering marvels, byzantine legal agreements, aging infrastructure, and neighborly cooperation enables life to flourish in the desert—and the disastrous consequences we face when any part of this tenuous system fails. Fly Fishing the Colorado River Al Marlowe 2013-10-01 The first guide dedicated to the mighty Colorado River, from its headwaters through western Colorado. Each chapter covers a section of the river and provides information on access, parking, seasons, hatches, recommended equipment, and fly patterns. Running Dry Jonathan Waterman 2010 Waterman takes an unprecedented journey down the Colorado River, paddling in his kayak and hiking on foot, all 1,450 miles from the Rocky Mountains to its Mexican delta. The Colorado River Through Grand Canyon Steven Warren Carothers 1991 Adjustment to the environmental alterations of the Glen Canyon Dam. The Boulder Canyon Project Wesley R. Nelson 1936 A River No More Philip L. Fradkin 1996-09-30 Here is the definitive history of the development of the Colorado River and the claims made on its waters, from its source in the Wyoming Rockies to the California and Arizona borders where, so saline it kills plants, it peters out just short of the Gulf of California. Ever increasing demands on the river to supply cities in the desert render this new edition all too timely. Philip Fradkin has updated this valuable book with a new preface. River Notes Wade Davis 2013-10-15 Plugged by no fewer than twenty-five dams, the Colorado is the world’s most regulated river drainage. 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The Colorado River in Grand Canyon Larry Stevens 1983-07-01 This is the guidebook to the Colorado River used by the characters in Will Hobbs’s book “Downriver”. Wet Desert Gary Hansen 2006-05 Grant Stevens, a mid-level manager for the Bureau of Reclamation, is sent to its mouth on the Gulf of Mexico at Matagorda Bay. Left temporarily in charge of the Bureau, Grant must react when the first dam is attacked. He faces the unthinkable task of mitigating the massive flood roaring down the Colorado. The flood will eventually threaten the mighty Hoover Dam, and if Hoover fails, the other dams downstream will fall like dominoes. Working with the FBI, Grant uses his engineering skills, river knowledge, and a desperate race against an environmental terrorist bent on destroying the Colorado River by blowing up the dams. The terrorist will lead all the way downstream to the Gulf of California in a cat and mouse game where the stakes are high and the potential for destruction is enormous.

Guide to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon Tom Martin 2021-04-15 River of Contrasts Margie Crisp 2012-03-29 Writer and artist Margie Crisp has traveled the length of Texas’ Colorado River, which rises in Dawson County, south of Lubbock, and flows 860 miles southeast across the state to its mouth on the Gulf of Mexico at Matagorda Bay. Echoing the truth of Heraclitus’s ancient dictum, the river’s character changes dramatically from its dusty headwaters on the High Plains to its meandering presence on the coastal prairie. The Colorado is the longest river with both its source and its mouth in Texas, and its water, from beginning to end, provides for the state’s agricultural, municipal, and recreational needs. As Crisp notes, the Colorado River is perhaps most frequently associated with its middle reaches in the Hill Country, where it has been damned to create the six reservoirs known as the Highland Lakes. Following Crisp as she explores the river, sometimes with her fisherman husband, readers meet the river’s denizens—animal, plant, and human—and learn something about the natural history, the politics, and those who influence the fate of the river and the water it carries. Those who live intimately with the natural landscape inevitably formulate emotional responses to their surroundings, and the people living on or near the Colorado River are no exception. Crisp’s own loving tribute to the river and its inhabitants is enhanced by the exquisite art she has created, each page an attempt to maneuver through the treacherous waters of the landscape. The terrorist will lead all the way downstream to the Gulf of California in a cat and mouse game where the stakes are high and the potential for destruction is enormous.

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**Cornerstone at the Confluence** Jason A. Robison
2022-11-08

Signed on November 24, 1922, the Colorado River Compact is the cornerstone of a proverbial pyramid—an elaborate body of laws colloquially called the “Law of the River” that governs how human beings use water from the river system dubbed the “American Nile.” No fewer than forty million people have come to rely on the Colorado River system in modern times—a river system immersed in an unprecedented, unrelenting megadrought for more than two decades. Attempting to navigate this “new normal,” policymakers are in the midst of negotiating new management rules for the river system, a process coinciding with the compact’s centennial that must be completed by 2026. Animated by this remarkable confluence of events, Cornerstone at the Confluence leverages the centennial year to reflect on the compact and broader “Law of the River” to envision the future. It is a volume inviting dialogue about how the Colorado River system’s flows should be apportioned given climate change, what should be done about environmental issues such as ecosystem restoration and biodiversity protection, and how long-standing issues of water justice facing Native American communities should be addressed. In one form or another, all these topics touch on the concept of “equity” embedded within the compact—a concept that tees up what is perhaps the foundational question confronted by Cornerstone at the Confluence: Who should have a seat at the table of Colorado River governance?

**The Colorado River Through Glen Canyon Before Lake Powell** Eleanor Inskip
1995

River trips through Glen Canyon from 1872-1964 were combined beginning at North Wash & ending at Lees Ferry, to present Glen Canyon before the lake. Landscape photographs & quotations from the explorers complete the journal. Fifty photographers & authors are represented. Photographs are identified by photographer, photo date & location. Quotations are identified by author & source. A map of Lake Powell is provided as a guide for today’s visitor. The reader can take this book on the lake & go to the buoy indicated to compare Lake Powell today with the Glen Canyon of yesterday. Glen Canyon Natural History Association is co-publishing this book in support of the educational objectives of the National Park Service at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. A Special Limited (1,500 copies) First Edition is available. Silk-bound Limited Edition, $150, Paper-bound Edition, $25. Trade discounts available. Order from Inskip Ink, 366 East 100 North, Moab, UT 84532. Tel. & FAX 801-259-8452 or your local distributor.