



## Recommended Reading Rivers

**The Big Rivers: The Missouri, the Mississippi, and the Ohio** / By Bruce Hiscock. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers: 1997. WWL call number 071103 Kids

This book is an exploration of what happens when big rivers flood, as the Mississippi did in 1993. Using simple, illustrative prose and pictures the author stresses how humans impact the environment and vice versa. For children in grades 1 - 5.

**The brook book: exploring the smallest streams** / By Jim Arnosky. New York, N.Y.: Dutton Children's Books: 2008. WWL call number 040500 Kids

Slick salamanders, speedy catfish, curious crayfish, and other creatures are featured in an illustrated introduction to freshwater brooks and streams. For children ages 4 - 8

**Down a River** / By Carole Telford and Rod Theodorou. Des Plaines, Ill.: Heinemann Interactive Library: 1998. WWL call number 071101 Kids

How rivers begin and end, what life depends upon them, and how rivers keep the planet healthy are the major issues addressed in this book. It follows the Missouri - Mississippi River from its headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico. For children in grades 2 - 6.

**Fresh Water** / By Peter Ampt. Broomall, Pa.: Chelsea House Publishers: 2002. WWL call number 281273 Kids  
Readers can explore different kinds of fresh water environments, from mountain streams to backyard ponds, and see examples of their effects on humans and other life forms. For children in grades 2 - 4.

**Letting Swift River Go** / By Jane Yolen and Barbara Cooney. Boston: Little, Brown: 1991. WWL call number 071117 Kids

A young girl grows up in the Swift River Valley and learns an important lesson about moving on when the Valley must be flooded to create a water supply for nearby Boston. For children in grades 2 - 4.

**Minn of the Mississippi** / By Holling Clancy Holling. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 1951. WWL call number 071113 Kids

The history of the Mississippi River Valley is told in text and pictures through the adventures of Minn, a snapping turtle, as she travels downstream. For children in grades 3 - 6.

**Oceans, lakes, and rivers** / By Melanie Ostopowich. New York, NY: Weigl Publishers: 2006. WWL call number 071214 Kids'

'Oceans, lakes, and rivers,' a book for children aged 4 - 10, is part of the Science Matters series and guides young readers through the many forms of water, and how they impact life on Earth. This volume describes Earth's bodies of water, explains how the water cycle works, presents a brief biography of Jacques Cousteau, and includes a hands - on experiment.

**On the Trail of Lewis and Clark: A Journey Up the Missouri River** / By Peter Lourie. Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press: 2002. WWL call number 071097 Kids

Peter Lourie and his friends set out in Nebraska and follow the path that Lewis and Clark took up the Missouri River toward its headwaters in Montana. The text is supplemented with illustrations of artifacts and photographs in this ode to the Missouri and its explorers. For children in grades 3 - 7.

**The Raft** / By Jim LaMarche. New York: HarperCollins Publishers: 2000. WWL call number 271322

Reluctant Nicky spends a wonderful summer with Grandma who introduces him to the joy of rafting down the river near her home and watching the animals along the banks. For children in grades 2 - 5.

**Rivers, lakes, streams, and ponds** / By Richard Beatty. Chicago, Ill.: Raintree: 2011. WWL call number 071211 Kids  
Earth's fresh water - - lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds - - are teeming with plant and animal life. Find out about this delicately balanced ecosystem.

**The secret world of Walter Anderson** / By Hester Bass. Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press: 2009. WWL call number 201695 Kids

Residents along the Mississippi Gulf Coast thought Walter Anderson was odd, rowing across twelve miles of open water in a leaky skiff to reach Horn, an uninhabited island. But this solitary artist didn't much care what they thought as he spent weeks at a time on his personal paradise, sleeping under his boat, sometimes eating whatever washed ashore, sketching and painting the natural surroundings and the animals that became his friends. Here Walter created some of his most brilliant watercolors, work he kept hidden during his lifetime. In a beautifully crafted picture book biography, writer Hester Bass and Caldecott Honor - winning illustrator E. B. Lewis pay homage to an uncompromising American artist. For children in grades 2 - 6

**Where the River Begins** / By Thomas Locker. New York: Dial Books: 1984. WWL call number 071118 Kids

Two curious boys backpack with their grandfather up a mountain to find the source of the river that flows near their home. For children in grades 1 - 4.