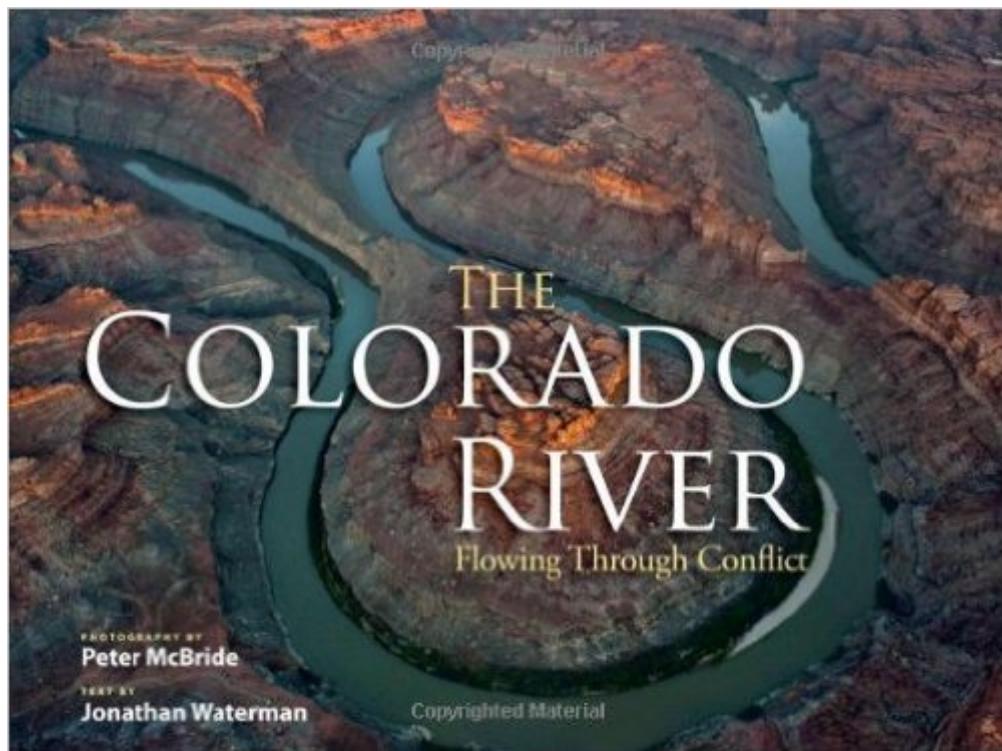


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# The Colorado River: Flowing Through Conflict



## Synopsis

Supplying vital water to more than 30 million Americans living in the arid West, the Colorado River is one of the most diverted, dammed, and heavily litigated rivers in the world. In full-color, photo essay format, *The Colorado River: Flowing Through Conflict*, follows the river's epic 1,450-mile journey from its headwaters high in the Colorado Rockies to its dried-up delta touching the Sea of Cortez. With striking photography and authoritative prose, Peter McBride and Jonathan Waterman illuminate the historical, geographical, and environmental significance of this life-giving river.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are interested in water issues in the Southwest, this book is for you. The Colorado River has become a perfect symbol of what happens when we ask too much of a limited resource: it disappears. In fact, the Colorado no longer regularly reaches the sea. Dams, irrigation and now climate change have drastically reduced the once-mighty river. Is it a sign of more things to come? The authors take us on a trip down the Colorado River, from the mountains through the reservoirs and into the basins. Approximately 30 million people rely on its water which flows through 14 coal/gas plants & 107 hydroelectric turbines. Many of our friends browse this 9 x 12 coffee table book because it has gorgeous pictures on every page and awesome aerial photography (I'd buy it for the many crossover aerial photos alone). Coupled with a few helpful maps, the commentary about water issues facing the Southwest will help you understand why you hear of so much more news about "droughts" and mandated water conservation programs.

Pete McBride and Jonathan Waterman have done an amazing job bringing attention to the many issues facing the Colorado River through their insightful prose and gorgeous photographs. Their knowledge of water issues and passion for educating is apparent, as they take the reader on a tangible journey down this iconic river. The reality and heartache become all too real. This is a powerful read on an important issue, a must-have for anyone that cares about rivers, people, and the environment. A very worthy investment.

Peter McBride's book offers not only some of the most visually appealing photos of the Colorado River Basin, it also tells the story of what is happening to our beloved Colorado River. The photos plus the message about the endangered Colorado River pack a one, two punch underscoring the importance of thinking about where our water comes from and where it goes. If you love the west and even remotely understand the importance of water in the west, you need this book.

The Colorado River is the defining watershed of the great U.S. Southwest, and the story of what we have done with it is fascinating. McBride's photographs are so wonderful, and so descriptive of the power and beauty of this river, and the degradation it has suffered at our hands.

If you own a copy of Reisner's *Cadillac Desert* you'll want this too. Peter McBride's photo opus on the Colorado is the first I've seen that tracks the river from the high mountain headwaters all the way down to the sea. McBride's artistry is stunning, and the collection is well edited. Just as impressive is his command of the myriad issues that make the Colorado River the most loved and litigated in the United States. In both the modest text and the images themselves, McBride and co-author Waterman demonstrate their mastery and love of the subject. Last year Verlyn Klinkenborg wrote in the *New York Times* "if we're not nostalgic for water now - in all its forms - soon we will be. We're entering a climatically uncertain world, so perhaps now is the time to visit water, before it is piped, tubed, desalinated, and geothermalized everywhere...Go now." The threats are very real, and many people are working hard to save the Colorado River before it's too late. Even if you can't make a visit soon, you can get your fill in this book.

Pete McBride's photography provides a remarkable bird's eye view of the West's most important river. Simply put, his aerial shots are stunning. And Jon Waterman's written account of his journey from the river's headwaters to its miserly end provides marvelous insight into the state of the river

today. This book is perfect for the coffee table and is picked up by visitors to my house all the time.

I bought as a gift for my son's b'day. He doesn't have time to do that. We'll both enjoy it...as time permits. As always, comes thru...w/ both a good price ...& good service. Tks. J. Linn. CO

This book is absolutely magnetic featuring artful images blended with a strong educational message regarding the state of this American landmark. The book characterizes the trip from the Colorado River's headwaters to its untimely demise and is full of appealing photographs, some surreal in nature, capturing the sheer power and beauty along its path. The book stirs a gamut of emotions as it strikes the chord of awareness and the need for strong conservation measures to ensure the health and longevity of this important waterway. A meaningful gift - I purchased several for friends. By the way, did anyone catch the photographer's interview recently on NPR? It was equally as impressive.

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