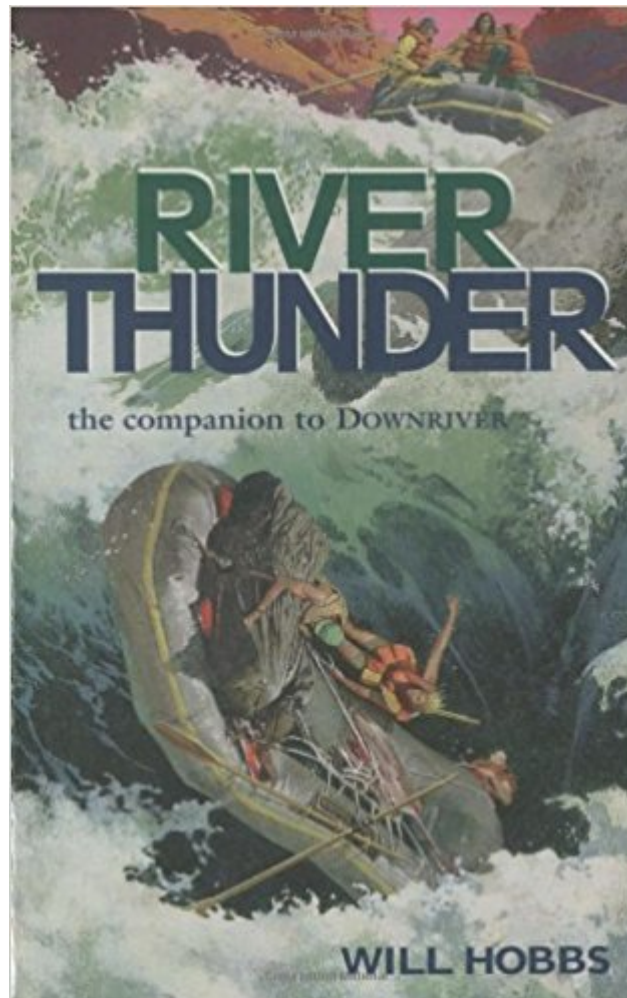




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Synopsis

Jessie, Troy, and the rest of the crew from Downriver have returned to the Grand Canyon for adventure down the Colorado River. In the year since they last were together, each has changed; each feels more mature. But how will they interact now that they are facing new challenges--challenges greater than anything they've had to deal with at home? For Troy, it is a chance to prove he can be a team player, someone worthy of friendship and love. For Jessie, the river is the ultimate test. Does she have what it takes to row down the mighty Colorado? The only way to find out is to get into the raft and set off to face the thundering rapids and the powerful emotions that the river unleashes.

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Grade 7 Up. The premise is that the cast from Downriver (Atheneum, 1991) has been asked to work as interns by "Discovery Unlimited" owner Al, rejoining him for a raft trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Their joyful reunion at the launch site is stressed almost to the breaking point when they find out that Troy, the manipulative, buffed, bad boy who nearly sank their earlier escapade, has bankrolled this trip, and that Al is not involved at all. Setting aside misgivings about Troy's duplicity, they row off, settling into a realistic rhythm of river work, problem solving, play, and stress management. The characters are interesting individuals who have changed in mostly positive

ways since their first trip together. Jessie gains confidence and knowledge with each challenge. Troy's problems escalate with the rising level of the water, and it's gradually revealed that he has stalked Jessie throughout the previous summer, obsessed with making his fantasy of a relationship with her take shape. The climactic resolution with Troy comes just before they plummet through Lava Falls, which, if predictably plotted, is thrillingly told. The culture of the commercial canyon runners is aptly described. From the raft-eating big drop on the cover to the author's informative note at the end, the vivid descriptions deliver high-volume excitement sure to entice many readers into booking a ride on any subsequent sequels. ?Joel Shoemaker, Southeast Jr. High School, Iowa City, IACopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Hobbs (*Ghost Canoe*, p. 557, etc.) reunites the characters of *Downriver* (1991) for this rapids-shooting adventure. Jessie and her adopted sister, Star, tough-talking Rita, macho man Pug, and later, wisecracking Adam all arrive ready to raft down the Grand Canyon's Colorado River, presumably at the invitation of Al, a tour outfitter; unfortunately, when the handsome and charismatic Troy also shows up, the teens discover that they've all been duped. Troy seeks to make amends for ruining their rafting the previous year, and so has made all the arrangements and paid for the group to go downriver again. Wary at first, the teens agree, and in no time they're shooting through curlers, suckholes, and rooster tails in a pulse-pounding narrative. Jessie, despite her fear, steers a raft down the river's 160 rapids in record-high water caused by a rough winter and careless management of damn spillage. Hobbs's familiarity with whitewater rafting provides authenticity, and while this bunch knows their sport, they nevertheless wind up in the soup more than once. While the crisis point of the novel seems a bit too altruistic--the neurotic Troy follows his better impulses and saves Rita from drowning--the story of these disparate youths coming together for an adventure that risks their lives and strengthens their hearts is ultimately uplifting. (Fiction. 12-14) -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love this book and its companion novel *downriver*. I read them both when I was in jr high and remember myself reading both books twice in the time it took the class to read them. I loved them so that once I had a kindle of my own these books were of the first to be purchased, and have been read several times since. I just got through rereading this book and remembered something I would like to comment on the book that has given in this form. I know that they have people who type

these books out for the kindle usage but some one needs to read this because the amount of typing errors are staggering. It makes it difficult to read in several places example many of the words that are supposed to be "the" ended up "die" I really hope someone reads this and corrects this soon I love this book and want to see it in its original text.

A very good book to read for middle school students. This was bought for my grandson's summer reading project. I am reading it also. Learn about rapids and how strong you must be to do this kind of a sport. My grandson likes the book also.

This is an excellent sequel to Downriver. It continues the story of the Hoods in the Woods as they return to the Grand Canyon and continue to face personal and group conflicts. There is more technical information about the river itself, which is interesting. The formatting for the book is horrible. There is no chapter index and it is riddled with spelling errors. There enough errors that it detracts from the content. Hopefully, at some point they will fix this.

Was a good book! Recommended!

bought to replace one I had bought years ago and it was falling apart from all the times it had been read. Great book for any age to read

Great book for junior readers who love adventure stories inspired by the great outdoors.

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