

Rivers



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Wide-ranging account of the impact of rivers on land, human history, animal and plants, and in artistic expression

Explores the cultural resonances of rivers with their own myths and romance

Considers the role rivers have played in human history from settlements and trade to warfare

Looks at the human impact upon rivers by dams, cutting of channels, and the effects on wildlife

A global look at rivers with examples from all continents, including Egypt, India, and Bangladesh

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Rivers have played an extraordinarily important role in creating the world in which we

live. They create landscapes and provide water to people, plants and animals, nourishing both town and country. The flow of rivers has enthused poets and painters, explorers and pilgrims. Rivers have acted as cradles for civilization and agents of disaster; a river may be a barrier or a highway, it can bear trade and sediment, culture and conflict. A river may inspire or it may terrify.

This Very Short Introduction is a celebration of rivers in all their diversity. Nick Middleton covers a wide and eclectic range of river-based themes, from physical geography to mythology, to industrial history and literary criticism. Worshipped and revered, respected and feared, rivers reflect both the natural and social history of our planet.

Readership: Students of geography, environmental science, anthropology and cultural studies, as well as general readers interested in learning more about rivers

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