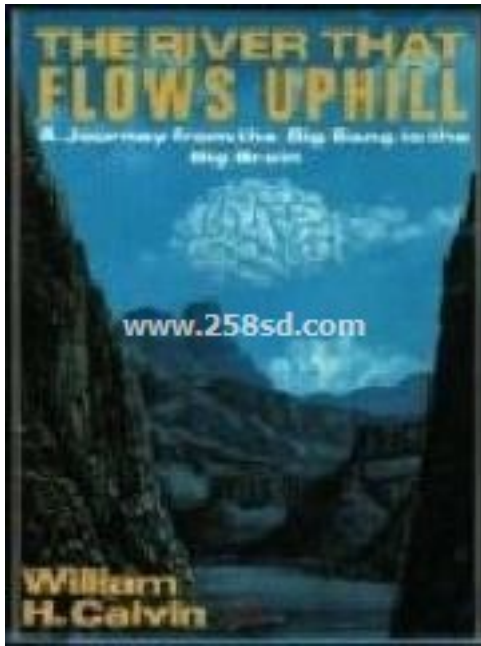


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From Publishers Weekly Neurobiologist and novelist (The Throwing Madonna Calvin uses a 14-day voyage through the Grand Canyon in the company of fellow scientists as a vehicle for discoursing on earth history and evolution. This is a superb account of the river journey as a wilderness adventure. Generally, his forays into scientific subjects come naturally here are rock formations, fossils, Indian ruins but occasionally the essays seem forced. Calvin ruminates on the aquatic ape, juvenile traits, monogamy as a survival strategy, language and music in brain development, pain. He also makes trenchant remarks about the awarding of research grants and committee decision-making. All of this is deftly woven into that marvelous river trip (which, he confesses, was really four voyages); but his artifice is successful readers who enjoy adventure stories may discover they also enjoy good scientific writing. Fans

of Stephen Jay Gould and Lewis Thomas will find Calvin equally stimulating. Illustrations. Prentice-Hall Book Clubs main selection. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Conversations with imaginary companions during an actual float trip down the Colorado River provide the structure upon which this discourse on evolution and its relation to the environment is built. Successive geological strata exposed by the river's slice through the Grand Canyon spur discussions among the voyagers, who contribute details from the scientific disciplines they represent. Calvin, author of Inside the Brain and The Throwing Madonna, provides little new information here. Rather, the book's value lies in its unique interweaving of geology, human evolution, anthropology, and ecology in a clear time setting. A fine example of science writing for the interested layperson. Highly recommended for general collections. Frank Reiser, Biology Dept., Nassau Community Coll., Garden City, N.Y. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. See all Editorial Reviews

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