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America's waterways played a key role in the exploration and settlement of the West. Travel was so difficult during our country's first century that New York was closer to Europe by sea than to the Appalachians by land. From the first explorations by canoe to the decline of the steamboat era, this illustrated history of the rivers, lakes, and canals that shaped the course of America's destiny recaptures the majesty of each region's major water highways.

Todhunter Ballard writes of the building of the Erie Canal; Don Holm tells of the Lewis and Clark exploration of the Northwest by flatboat

and canoe; Robert Smith evokes the grandeur of the "Big Muddy," the Mississippi, and its role in developing the heartland; Elmer Kelton describes the operation of steamboats on Texas rivers; C. L. Sonnichsen relates the hair-raising adventures of steamers on the Colorado; and Archie Satterfield captures the Klondike madness of the stampede up the Yukon River.

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