



# Books About Water for Adults

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## Fiction

Kelton, Elmer. *The Time It Never Rained*. (2008)

This book was inspired by actual events, when the longest and most severe drought in living memory pressed ranchers and farmers to the outer limits of courage and endurance.

Swan, Alison. *Fresh Water: Women Writing on the Great Lakes*. (2006)

This is a collection of nonfiction works by women writers. These works focus on the Midwest: living with the five interconnected freshwater seas that we know as the Great Lakes. Contributing to this collection are renowned poets, essayists, and fiction writers, all of whom write about their own creative streams of consciousness, the fresh waters of the Great Lakes, and the region's many rivers.

Maclean, Norman. *A River Runs Through It*. (1976)

An American classic short story about fly-fishing and life.

## Nonfiction

de Villiers, Marq. *Water: The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource*. (2001)

Marq de Villiers provides an eye-opening account of how we are using, misusing, and abusing our planet's most vital resource. Encompassing ecological, historical, and cultural perspectives, de Villiers reports from hot spots as diverse as China, Las Vegas, and the Middle East, where swelling populations and unchecked development have stressed fresh water supplies nearly beyond remedy.

Dennis, Jerry and Glenn Wolff. *The Bird in the Waterfall: A Natural History of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes*. (1996)

This book explores the mysteries of the world's oceans, rivers, and lakes, in a nature study that addresses such topics as the sources of hot springs and geysers, marine animal migration, and waterfalls.

Estaville, Lawrence E. and Richard A. Earl. *Texas Water Atlas*. (2008)

This book provides the first comprehensive reference for water-related topics in Texas including vital information on Texas' climate, surface and groundwater, water uses and hazards, water quantity and quality, recreation, future supply projections, and the environmental management of its water resources.

Fishman, Charles. *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water*. (2011)

An examination of the passing of the golden age of water and the shocking facts about how water scarcity will soon be a major factor in our lives.

Greene, Jeffrey. *Water from Stone: The Story of Selah, Bamberger Ranch Preserve (Louise Lindsey Merrick Natural Environment Series)*. (2008)

Greene tells two integrally related stories: the evolution of one man's business sense, applying profit incentives to land restoration and nature conservancy; and the creation of a Texas Hill Country preserve where he effectively demonstrates his own principles.

Glennon, Robert. ***Unquenchable: America's Water Crisis and What to Do About It.*** (2010)

Robert Glennon captures the irony—and tragedy—of America's water crisis in a book that is both frightening and wickedly comical. From manufactured snow for tourists in Atlanta to trillions of gallons of water flushed down the toilet each year, *Unquenchable* reveals the heady extravagances and everyday inefficiencies that are sucking the nation dry.

Graves, John. ***Goodbye to a River.*** (reprint 2002, originally 1960)

In the 1950s, a series of dams was proposed along the Brazos River in north-central Texas. This project meant much change for the stream, countryside, and people whose rugged ancestors had eked out an existence there. Graves decided to visit that stretch of the river, which he had known intimately as a youth. This book is Graves account of his farewell canoe voyage. Nearly half a century after its initial publication, ***Goodbye to a River*** is a true American classic, a vivid narrative about an exciting journey and a powerful tribute to a vanishing way of life and its ever-changing natural environment.

Graves, John. ***Texas Rivers.*** (2002)

Graves weaves history, geography, and culture into a vibrant portrait of a land and its people. Through photographs of rare beauty, Wyman Meinzer reveals the rivers as few will ever see them in person.

Huser, Verne. ***Rivers of Texas by Verne Huser.*** (2004)

Huser explores the majesty and background of Texas' waterways. He explains that the quality and quantity of river water affects nearly everything in Texas and profoundly conditions people's daily lives.

Outwater, Alice. ***Water: A Natural History.*** (1997)

An environmental engineer turned ecology writer relates the history of our waterways and her own growing understanding of why our waterways continue to be polluted—and what needs to be done to save this essential natural resource.

Postel, Sandra and Brian Richter. ***Rivers for Life: Managing Water for People and Nature.*** (2003)

Rivers for Life presents a global perspective on the challenges of managing water for people and nature, with a concise yet comprehensive overview of the relevant science, policy, and management issues. It presents exciting and inspirational information for anyone concerned with water policy, planning and management, river conservation, freshwater biodiversity, or related topics.

Reisner, Marc. ***Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water.*** (1986)

A timely history of the struggle to discover and control water in the American West, this book is a tale of rivers diverted and damned, political corruption and intrigue, billion-dollar battles over water rights, and economic and ecological disaster.

Sansom, Andrew. ***Water in Texas, An Introduction.*** (2008)

To help Texans manage their water resources today and plan for future needs, one of Texas's top water experts has compiled this authoritative overview of water issues in Texas. *Water in Texas* covers all the major themes in water management and conservation.

Stanley, James. ***Hill Country Landowner's Guide.*** (2009)

Stanley provides practical advice and information for understanding and handling a variety of problems both new and established landowners in the Texas Hill Country confronts including restoration, riparian areas and brush control.