



WHAT'S ON OUR SHELVES

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***Publications on rivers and their watersheds,
other freshwater resources
and their sustainable management***

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OUR MISSION: No Water No Life combines the powers of photography, science and stakeholder knowledge to expand awareness of the value of our freshwater resources, watershed degradation and sustainable management solutions.

This NWNL catalog of over 850 books and magazine articles is for concerned readers, passionate photographers, investigative watershed scientists and all thirsting for knowledge and clean water! Our library reflects the value NWNL places on research as a critical tool for studying and documenting watershed values, threats and protection. Like a good friend or valued advisor, these books have supported NWNL with data-driven research, historic and fresh viewpoints and diverse opinions. Our collection ranges from volumes in a grandfather's library of limited-edition classics to ragged paperbacks from second-hand bookstores.

The NWNL library mirrors our focus on the many characteristics of our freshwater resources, with a geographic emphasis on the diversity of challenges found in our six NWNL case-study watersheds: North America's Columbia, Mississippi and Raritan River Basins, and Africa's Nile, Mara and Omo River Basins. Our library also covers four NWNL regional spotlights of interest: Ancient Rome's water-delivery system, California's Megadrought, Kenya's spring-fed Amboseli-Tsavo Ecosystem and India's western Ganges River Basin tributaries.

Authors of books in this collection range from 15-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg to equally-passionate elder conservationists, including Wallace Stegner, E. O Wilson, Bill McKibben, John Muir, Maude Barlow and John McPhee. Our books on exploring rivers and their drainages are by scientists, stewards, students, educators and explorers. Other authors are well-known journalists, historians and politicians such as Teddy Roosevelt and Winston Churchill who each chronicled their journeys across Africa and Lewis and Clark who journaled their travels across the newly-acquired Louisiana Purchase. Many of our books are by photographers, mapmakers, naturalists and painters who have visually presented the brilliant biodiversity, geology, usage and indigenous cultures within our watersheds.

Novels and anecdotal books in our library, while less hydrologically focused, share personal impressions and historical events that further describe a river or its basin. Such North American authors include Wallace Stegner, Mark Twain, Laura Ingalls Wilder, John Steinbeck, James Agee, Timothy Egan, Mark Kurlansky and John M. Barry. Authors of African tales of freshwater systems and habitats etched by personal impressions include George Shaller, Stacy Schiff, Cynthia Moss and many others. Visual definitions of North American watersheds are presented by renowned photographers, including Ansel Adams, Eliot Porter, Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Amy Gulick and C.C. Lockwood. A powerful sense of African waterways is conveyed throughout our library by photographers Paul Strand, Peter Beard, Angela Fisher and Carol Beckwith, Nigel Pavitt, Jonathan Scott and others.

The largest shelves of our library hold giant books by conservation-focused, contemporary photographers from Jim Balog to Art Wolfe and the to-be-expected atlases covering the globe and specific regions. The *Time-Life World Atlas* - the first atlas I had as a child - lies next to a very detailed river atlas on the ever-changing Lower Mississippi River, given to NWNL by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The atlas we've most valued for tracing details and dusty paths of NWNL expeditions is the *African Adventure Atlas*, since much of that continent still lacks the detailed mapping available for more-populated watersheds.

Evolving from conversations, conferences and coincidences, this library has expanded due to our research needs before, during and after each of our 70 expeditions. NWNL advisors and partners recommended books, as did many of the 900+ scientists and stewards we interviewed for our Voices of the River archive. Some books were acquired after hearing certain authors speak - notably Nashville's US Vice President Al Gore and Kenya's Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai - each signing their books for us while praising our goals! Other purchases were spurred by book reviews and by strangers with whom I chatted, some as they were farming or fishing.

We invite you to peruse this catalog of authoritative sources. Their publications are full of scholarship and diligently-sought information. Do contact us for any additional information on these volumes; and finally NWNL thanks all who helped form this well-used archive!

-Alison M Jones, Director of No Water No Life

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