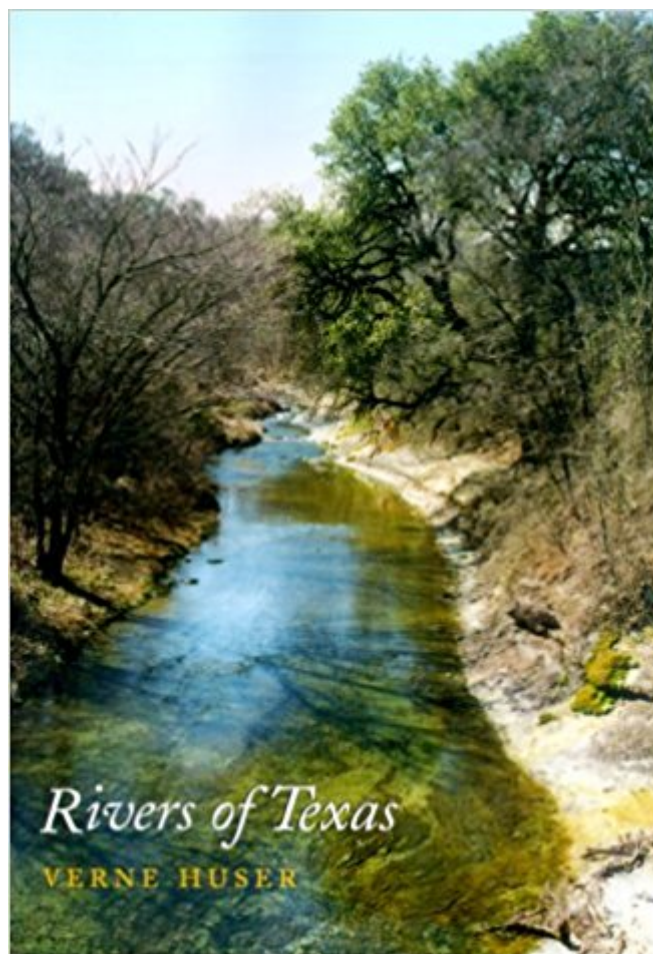


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Synopsis

Texas' rivers are part of the state's history, charm, and lore. Battles have been fought on their banks, cities have been founded along their cool currents, and countless legends have been told of their treacherous crossings and brackish waters. In *Rivers of Texas*, Verne Huser captures the mystery and beauty of the state's waterways. By presenting the landscape, historical accounts, geological formations, economic development, and recreational opportunities along the many streams, Huser displays how rivers influence everything in Texas. Huser identifies four groupings of Texas rivers: border rivers, heart-of-Texas rivers, regional rivers, and Gulf Coast rivers. He gives information about the size, location, tributaries, and special sites along each river and combines documented history with colorful legends and personal anecdotes based on his own experiences. Brilliant descriptions of the wildlife and vegetation and sixty vivid photographs enhance the text. Written in straightforward language and an approachable tone, *Rivers of Texas* is both informative and entertaining. Huser's love for his subject and his wisdom gained from traveling and studying these rivers is evident, while his fresh blend of facts and folklore will fascinate anyone wanting to learn more about the waterways of Texas.

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Customer Reviews

"Huser is a superb writer ... the guts of *Rivers of Texas* offer almost as much enjoyment as a river trip itself." --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Verne Huser, a retired English teacher, now archivist at Albuquerque Academy, has been a river guide for more than forty years, a seasonal National Park Service ranger/naturalist, and an environmental mediator. He is the author of five previous books on rivers and river recreation and the editor of an anthology of river literature. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Excellent Book!

Since I live in Texas this book had great interest for me. The book mentions every river in the state and describes its beginning, course and ending. If you are interested in rivers this book would be a very good guide to take along on a trip around the state. Many of the author's descriptions of the rivers include little nuggets of history associated with the river. There are lots of photographs of the rivers although these are all black and white. I think for what this book sets out to do it succeeded very well. I like it. I'm glad I own it.

I was so looking forward to a good book on the geology and history of Texas rivers. I was disappointed. The travelogues are sketchy but useful. In every chapter, over and over again, we hear that industrialization is bad for rivers, dams stop the free flow of rivers, and that Anglo settlers stole the land from native Americans. Yes, that's true and probably can be profitably discussed in a preface. Something like John Graves "Good Bye to a River" engenders sympathy and makes you care about the rivers. Huser's treatment of the subject leaves the reader merely irritated at the author.

No other book covers all of this great state's rivers like Verne Huser's book. His thoughtful, detailed narrative is a personal journey, a natural history discussion and a paddler's guide.

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