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Synopsis

Paddling the Columbia is a guidebook for paddlers who want to explore and enjoy daytrips or longer paddles on any part of the Columbia River. The book provides comprehensive information that enables the beginner to feel confident in setting forth for the day and encourages more experienced paddlers to set a goal of paddling longer sections or even the entire 1200 mile-long river, like hiking the Pacific Crest Trail or climbing the Seven Summits--but on water. The book divides the river into 34 daily segments, detailing put-in and take-out points, campgrounds, various land manager regulations, key riverside sites, dams and water releases, paddling times and distances, free-flowing areas, ferry schedules, hazards, and more. Introductory texts and sidebars cover local history, things to do nearby (like hot springs, hiking trails, or places to eat), as well as wildlife and scenery. Boat types and equipment are covered briefly, but encourages the reader to speak with experts and to try a variety of boats on the water before purchase. The overall tone is adventurous, funny, and introspective.

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Customer Reviews

Great guide for touring newbies !

I want to paddle some longer stretches of the river and this book is the perfect resource. Great work Mr. Roskelley.

Love the maps in this book!

I came across this book at my local library and, although I am not a paddler, I live in the Pacific Northwest and am always interested in learning more about the area. What a find this book turned out to be! In creating a resource for the paddler, Mr. Roskelley has actually created a resource for all of us. This is an incredibly detailed book listing camping areas, services, points of interest, historic anecdotes, landmarks, and, of course, mapping all 1200 miles of the Columbia, broken into 35 day long paddling segments. Yet for all the detail, the book reads like a friendly story of one man's multi-year journey to explore this iconic river. Even if you never intend to paddle the Columbia, this book will provide invaluable information on enjoying the river from various land points. The only reason I rated it a 4 vs. a 5 star is because, given that I'm not a paddler, I have no basis for judging the book on its merits as a paddler's guide.

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