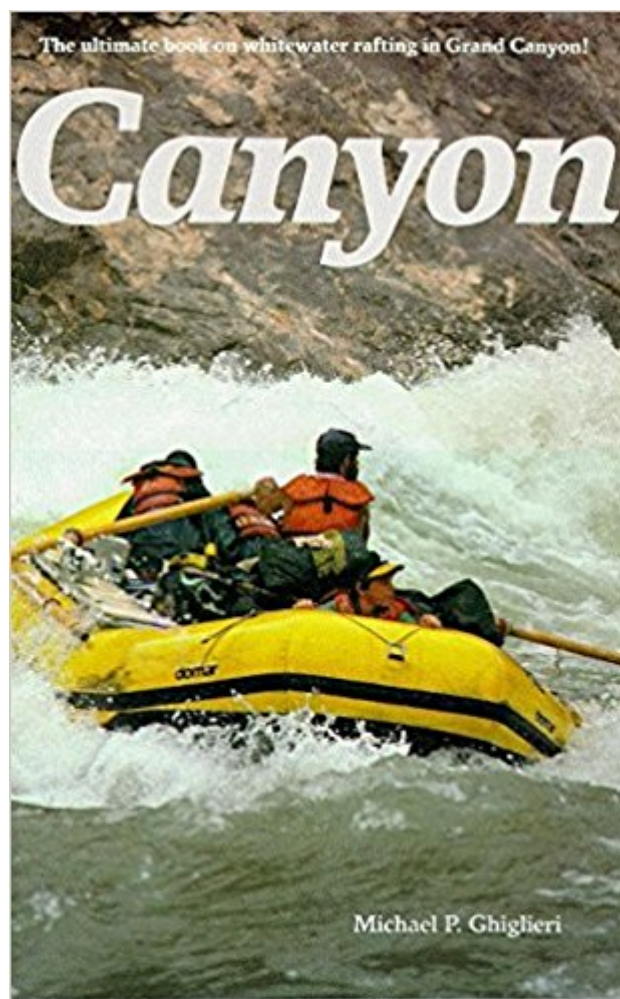


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Canyon



Synopsis

Fasten your life jackets for a ride you'll never forget. Now the excitement of a raft trip through the Grand Canyon has been re-created by a seasoned whitewater guide with a passion to share one of the world's most fantastic journeys. Michael Ghiglieri, a professional river guide for more than 17 years, has written the first book to describe that trip from the modern boatman's point of view. From Lee's Ferry to Diamond Creek, Ghiglieri leads you down 226 miles of wild river and through some of the most breathtaking scenery on earth. Along the way, he navigates the Colorado River's dozens of notorious rapids "many of which drop fifteen feet or more" and shares the excitement of waves and boulders, thunder and foam. Recounting a real journey through this geological wonder, Canyon interweaves heart-pounding adventure with factual insights into the world of Grand Canyon. Between the rapids, Ghiglieri relates tales of river runners past and present, lessons in geology and wildlife, observations on the impact of Glen Canyon Dam, and stories of Native inhabitants, from Anasazi ancestors to Havasupai Rastafarians. This trip also offers more than its share of human drama for the passengers aboard, leaving them with tales of their own to tell. "Running the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon is to me the most impressive journey on our planet," writes Ghiglieri, "an adventure that leaves no traveler unchanged." For anyone who has ever shared or contemplated that adventure, Canyon recreates an unforgettable ride.

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Customer Reviews

This book is full of interesting information about the Colorado River going through the Grand

Canyon. The author has included all aspects of this great place. He tells the history of the river and canyon, including the geology, the first residents, the first settlers, the damming and problems with the damming, the many people who have tried to make the trip, and the history of the wildlife. I found it to be a great read with a lot of great insight into the Grand Canyon. I couldn't put it down and I look forward to reading it again before I take the plunge and float this great river.

The author carefully weaves his own experiences as a Grand Canyon river guide with the history of the Canyon. This book will keep you enthralled right up to the last page. I would heartily recommend this narrative to all who enjoy adventure books. This classic should be on the bookshelves of everyone who enjoys whitewater rafting.

This is the 2nd book I have read by this author and his experience as a river guide gives him the inside perspective to relate his experiences to the reader. He, like all the guides I have been with on the river, is a case of a well educated and articulate person, with qualifications out the wazoo, that instead of pursuing financial gain, chose to make the Grand Canyon an integral part of his life. These people and their incredible knowledge of every facet of GC, from geology, anthropology, and sociology to recent historical events, are part of what make a river trip, for some a "once in a lifetime" experience, and for others an "incurable obsession". If you have already been or are thinking about going, this book will put you in the spirit. The story is primarily about a river trip but spins off on some adventure that relates to the current location. The only problem with this book is, it isn't long enough and I finished it too quickly.

I hated for this book to end. I loved being with Michael P. Ghiglieri, the most knowledgeable of river wranglers in love with the Grand Canyon. Being a geologist as well as a good writer, he imparts a special understanding of the 2 billion year old canyon sharing the message of the striated walls written over time by the hand of the creator. He brings this knowledge in a light-hearted, easy to comprehend manner that anyone can understand. You get to be with him at the helm of his rubber craft as he maneuvers it through rapids that make the heart of the most experienced boatmen go pitty-pat! You hike with him to Eden like gardens sequestered in ancient slot-canyons and learn about the native peoples who made the canyon their home for the past 10,000 years. He also speaks about the environmental degradation to the canyon by extractive industry and the hydro-electric boys. This is a wonderful, comprehensive book for anyone who wants know the true depth of the Grand Canyon.(...)

I read Canyon prior to an 8-day rafting trip through the Grand Canyon. It gave me a good idea of what to expect on the trip as well as information on the geology and history of the canyon. I now plan to read it a second time in order to relive our wonderful experience. This is a must read for someone planning to raft the Colorado through Grand Canyon, as well as an entertaining read for the "arm-chair traveler."

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