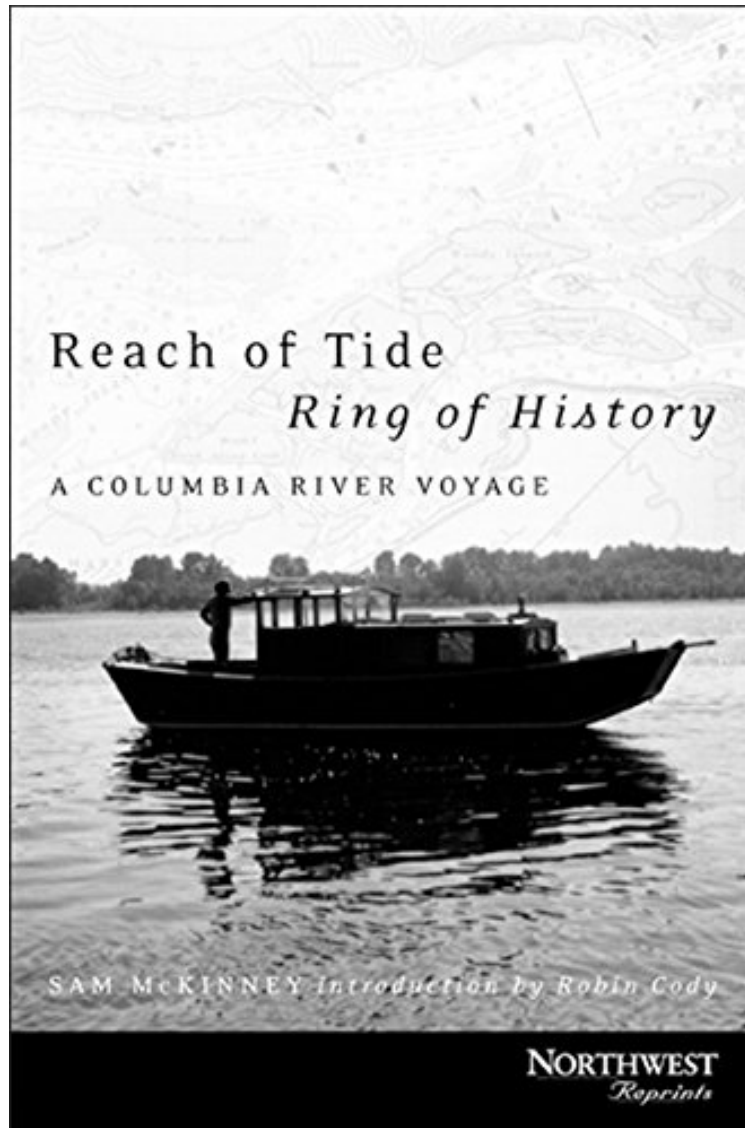


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Carpenter This is a review of the original 1987 edition of *Reach of Tide, Ring of History: A Columbia River Voyage* (Northwest Reprints) published by the Oregon Historical Society Press. This book combines memoir, geography, and history as the author recounts his experiences on the Columbia River. It starts with an interesting explanation of the Columbia River bar at Astoria and the relatively late discovery of the Columbia River. He visits, and reminisces about, the salmon and fishing villages along the lower Columbia - many of which no longer exist. Most of the book covers his account of just a few miles of the Columbia so it is rather surprising when he skips ahead late in the book to Longview, Vancouver, and Portland before finishing his trip at Bonneville Dam. McKinney writes well and his text is accompanied by Elsa Warnick's fine illustrations. One wishes for a real good map or two detailing his trip - the small maps printed on the end papers are not really adequate. I also wish that the author had opted for a somewhat longer book - it's a rather slim 170 pages - so that he could have given more history of the small towns and included more text about other places between Longview and Portland. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. *Columbia River Boat Voyaging* By A Customer Sam McKinney's books are what inspired me to build my power sharpie (see my other reviews). I'm 70, and I figured if he can do it so can I. So I can't wait to get my boat done and follow his Columbia River tracks. He was a dedicated, motivated, independent, off the wall, adventurous Waterman that dedicated his life to the water and helping youth learn outdoor skills. His writings are simple, homey, and inspiring. Get them all. Terry Lesh

Aboard a handmade boat, McKinney set out to rediscover the Columbia River of his youth. Combining the river's storied history, rich personal memories, and observations gleaned from the deck of the 16-foot Gander, this record of his voyage offers an intimate view of the great river and of the people who have lived and worked along its shores.

About the Author Sam McKinney is a founder of the Lewis and Clark Columbia River Water Trail and the author of "*Bligh: A True Account of the Mutiny Aboard HMS Bounty*." In the late 1980s, he completed a four-year, five-thousand-mile journey across North America through the inland waterways of the continent. He lives in Vancouver, B.C.