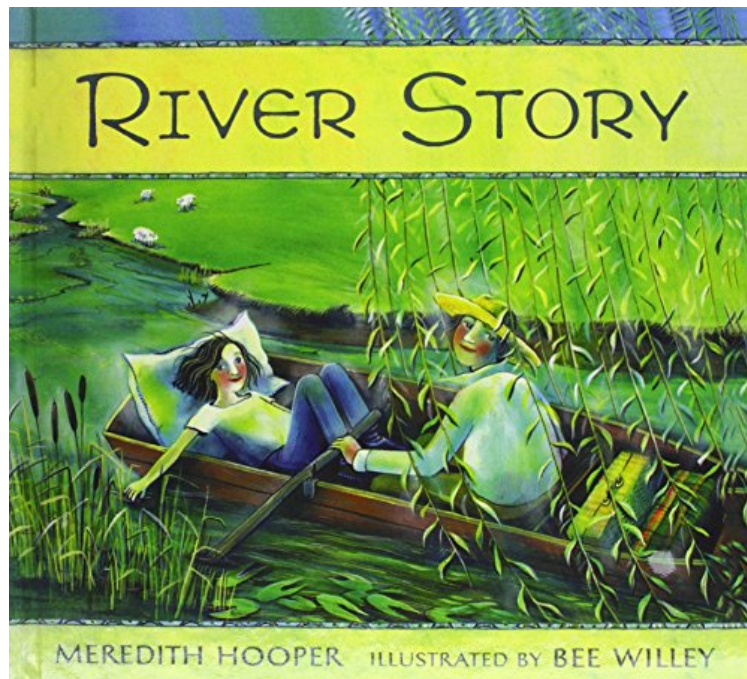


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Meredith Hooper : River Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised River Story:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book By Lynn M. Zachow I purchased this book to use for our church's Summer Sunday School to be used with the book God's Blue Earth ... it has beautiful pictures and tells a wonderful story of the progress of a river from its beginning to its end. I highly recommend it as a great story for children to learn about our environment and how precious water is.

"A luscious blend of cool blues and verdant greens lights up the pages of this poetic picture book, which traces the course of a river from its source." "Publishers Weekly" Follow a river from its beginnings as a mountain stream formed from melting snow, as it rushes over rocks and through valleys to the busy city, and finally to its end, where it joins the sea."

From Publishers Weekly A luscious blend of cool blues and verdant greens lights up the pages of this poetic picture book, which traces the course of a river from its source in the mountains to the sea. Hooper's (The Pebble in My Pocket) lyrical use of language emulates the rhythms of the river. Beginning with the languid, soothing sounds of alliteration ("a small shining stream slipping over pebbles"), the narrative picks up the pace as the river gains momentum at a waterfall ("snowfalls of water,/ springfuls of water,/ streamfuls of water"), then quiets down as it leaves the mountains ("It winds between meadows, long strands of waterweed streaking its surface") before its final arrival where "waves wash sand, and fresh water meets salt water." Willey (The Golden Hoard) adds a good measure

of child appeal. For a spread that allows readers to peek beneath the water's surface, "little fish darting, bottles dropped, treasures lost," she shows a beloved toy airplane beached on the river bottom. Her palette and line seem especially suited for these riverside views, from the slender reeds of a cattail to a sandpiper's beak to the water itself, as it gushes and crashes, ripples and flows downriver. Ages 5-8. (June) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal Kindergarten-Grade 3-In simple, rhythmic language, Hooper traces a river's course from its beginning in the mountains ("A small shining stream,/slipping over pebbles,/skidding round rocks,/bumping into roots") to its end ("Where the river reaches/the edge of the land,/waves wash the sand,/and fresh water meets salt water./-The journey is over"). Accompanied by Willey's delicately detailed and luminous watercolors, faintly reminiscent of Barbara Cooney's work, the book is a visual and aural delight from start to finish. The format is varied and engaging; the text is set off on each spread by a border, and spot art highlights the changing scenes and perspectives. A map of the entire river, with pivotal words defined (source, tributary, meanders), and a short index are appended. An exceptionally appealing book for recreational reading as well as information. Judith Constantinides, formerly at East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library, LA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist This nonfiction picture book offers the "biography" of a river, from its beginnings in a mountain stream to its ultimate end as it flows into the patiently waiting sea. Children will follow its course: fed by a waterfall, it rushes down the mountain, "swirls busily under a bridge," and then slows to meander through the countryside, providing recreation for boaters and thirst-quenching refreshment for cows. The river flows on through a crowded city and then, further slowed by "its load of earth and leaves," ultimately meets the sea. The rhythms of Hooper's well-written, informative text match those of the river itself, while Willey's lush, double-page pictures show not only the changing face of the river but the look of the world its passage enriches. Additional factual information and a picture map of the river's course are appended. Michael Cart Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved