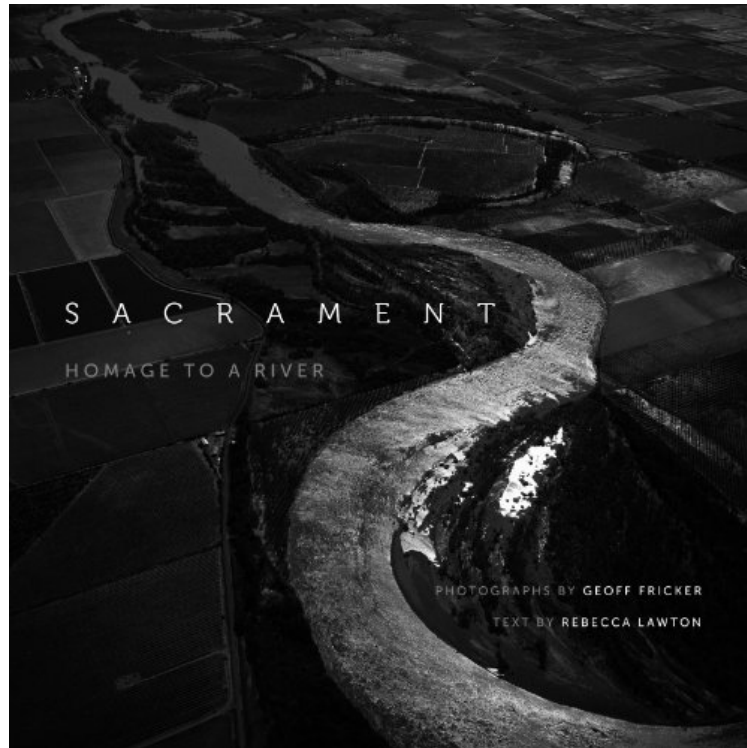


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sacramento: Homage to a River is in fact, an homage to all of the earth's waterways.By Catherine F. SevenauIf you are concerned about water, if you are concerned about our planet, and if you care about what happens when we don't care, read "Sacramento: Homage to a River." Beautiful photography interwoven with eloquent expressions of loss, love of our rivers, and hope for their future. The book itself is gorgeous.

The soul of California's largest river "To fall in love with a wild river is to be changed forever, heart and soul. To fall for a river in California is to live with the scars and ghosts of loss." In Sacramento: Homage to a River, Geoff Fricker's atmospheric photographs reveal the geology, salmon runs, fluvial morphology, and human impact of the Sacramento River. In dreamlike black and white, the river takes on mythic proportions, in both its wild eco-systems and its human-made influences. Interwoven with Fricker's images are Rebecca Lawton's eloquent descriptions of the beauty of the river and the issues that currently surround it. Each page an expression of the authors' fascination with and care for "the Sac," Sacramento is both an emotive exhibition of the wonder of California's largest waterway and a cautionary tale of its continued degradation.

"Separately, the pictures and text draw us in. Sacramento is both intellectually challenging and visually seductive.

Experienced together, Geoff Fricker's beautiful and sometimes disturbing photographs and Lawton's eloquent scientific prose provide a portrait of the Sacramento River that shows both how it has been abused and how it can be healed." Mary D. Nichols, former Secretary of Natural Resources, State of California "Geoff Fricker shows us the Sacramento River in a way that nobody has ever done, and Rebecca Lawton eloquently urges us to take a view that is at once practical and reverent. The great river of California is honored by this fine book." Tim Palmer, author of Rivers of California "Geoff Fricker's wonderful pictures of the Sacramento Valley are made by someone who knows the territory and cares deeply about what has happened there. The area has a rich history, a lively present, and we hope, with him, that the future will be sensitive of the region's history and potential." --Sandra S. Phillips, Senior Curator of Photography, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art "The publication of *Sacrament* is perfectly timed. As eloquently discussed by Lawton and beautifully photographed by Fricker, the exploitation of the Sac has continued uninterrupted for nearly two centuries. With the misguided rush to build huge export tunnels under the Delta, we are poised to embark on one of the largest and most destructive projects ever. The eloquence and beauty of *Sacrament* in describing civilization's gains, the Sac's losses, and the natural values of the remnant waterscape provide a welcome reflection upon, and counterweight to, the philosophy of 'more'." --Bob Center, Executive Director, Friends of the River

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