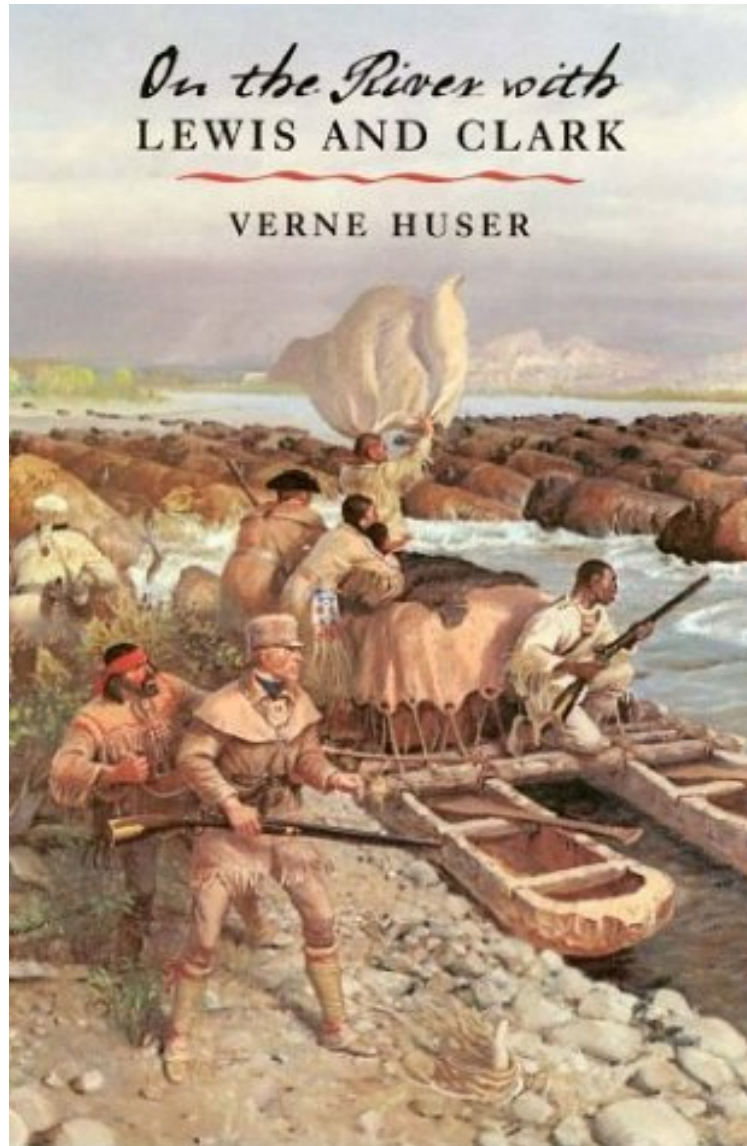


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interpretations and personal riverine reflections, Huser provides an incredibly rewarding and fun read, informed from his long experience with, and intimate knowledge of, America's wild waterways. For these reasons, I was very grateful that Huser accepted an invitation from my publisher (Green Frigate Books) to write one of the front-end blurbs for the recently published *Deep Immersion: The Experience of Water*.

On their remarkable journey across the North American continent, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's "Corps of Discovery" traveled almost 10,000 miles, about 9,000 of them on rivers—the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, Jefferson, Beaverhead, Clearwater, Snake, Columbia, Yellowstone or their associated forks, creeks, and tributaries. With an expert's eye, Verne Huser tells us what it was like to mount and carry out an expedition that was "basically a river trip." From the construction of the boats in 1803 to the negotiation of the last miles home three years later, the explorers were tied inextricably to the river systems that carried them west into uncharted territory and back again. From the Ohio River to the Columbia, they rowed, paddled, pulled, poled, sailed, and portaged their way into history—mapping, collecting, and recording a country's first glimpse of its western wealth. Himself a river man, Huser has canoed, rafted, or cruised much of the expedition's route. He brings to the famous story his knowledge of the "ways of wind and water," giving readers a rare, first-hand look at the benefits and hazards of river travel as they might have been experienced by the thirty-three explorers—some boatmen, some not on the river with Lewis and Clark.

Verne Huser is a legendary western river man. Sandbars and sweepers, winds and rapids, thole pins and rudders, poling and portaging become real in Huser's skilled hands. Using his own river experience to interpret that of Lewis and Clark, he creates a compelling account of going with (or against!) the flow. This book is certain to be an important part of Lewis and Clark literature.—Roderick Nash, Professor Emeritus, University of California Santa Barbara, and author, *Wilderness of the American Mind* and *The Big Drops: Ten Legendary Rapids of the American West*