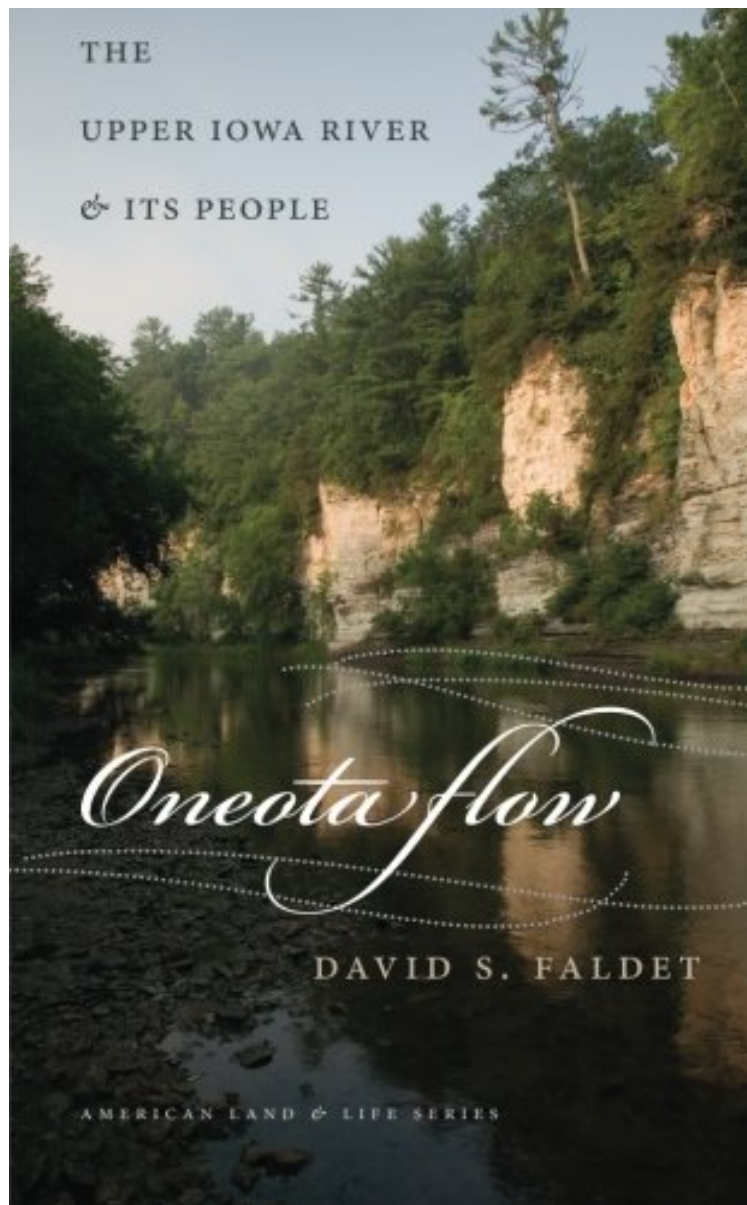


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David S. Faldet : Oneota Flow: The Upper Iowa River and Its People (American Land Life) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oneota Flow: The Upper Iowa River and Its People (American Land Life):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thank you for writing the book. By Steve You can tell the author pounded a lot of pavement (or paddled a lot of water) to write the book. It's an insightful look into local history, but there are also universal stories to be found. I bought it to inform my river trip down the Upper Iowa (which it did), but it did more than that. We can tend to generalize Native American history into a monolithic culture. Faldet's book reveals the real fluidity in those timelines. That transitions into a trove of 19th century pioneer history - harsh winters, railroad boom towns. Then there's the telling of the impacts of land use on today's ecology. All of it was engaging. Thanks again, Mr. Faldet, for your efforts in capturing all of that natural and societal history. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Tereasa Lenius Very happy with purchase. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Oneta Flow By D. F. Keese An informative book of an area that is beautiful and where I have a cabin. It is neat to know more of the history of this area.

Whether profiling the chief of the last hunter-gatherers on the river, an early settler witnessing her first prairie fire and a modern wildlife biologist using fire to manage prairies, the manager of the Granger Farmers Co-op Creamery, or a landowner whose bottomlands are continually eaten away by floods, Faldet steadily develops the central idea that people are walking tributaries of the river basin in which they make their homes. Faldet moves through the history of life along the now-polluted Upper Iowa, always focusing on the ways people depend on the river, the environment, and the resources of the region. He blends contemporary conversations, readings from the historical record, environmental research, and personal experience to show us that the health of the river is best guaranteed by maintaining the biological communities that nurture it. In return, taking care of the Upper Iowa is the best way to take care of our future.

The great conservationist and Iowa native Aldo Leopold often reminded us that to live well in our land community we should strive to understand it. Oneta Flow is a treasure chest of such understanding. Every Home Place should have a David Faldet. Paul W. Johnson, former director, Iowa Department of Natural Resources