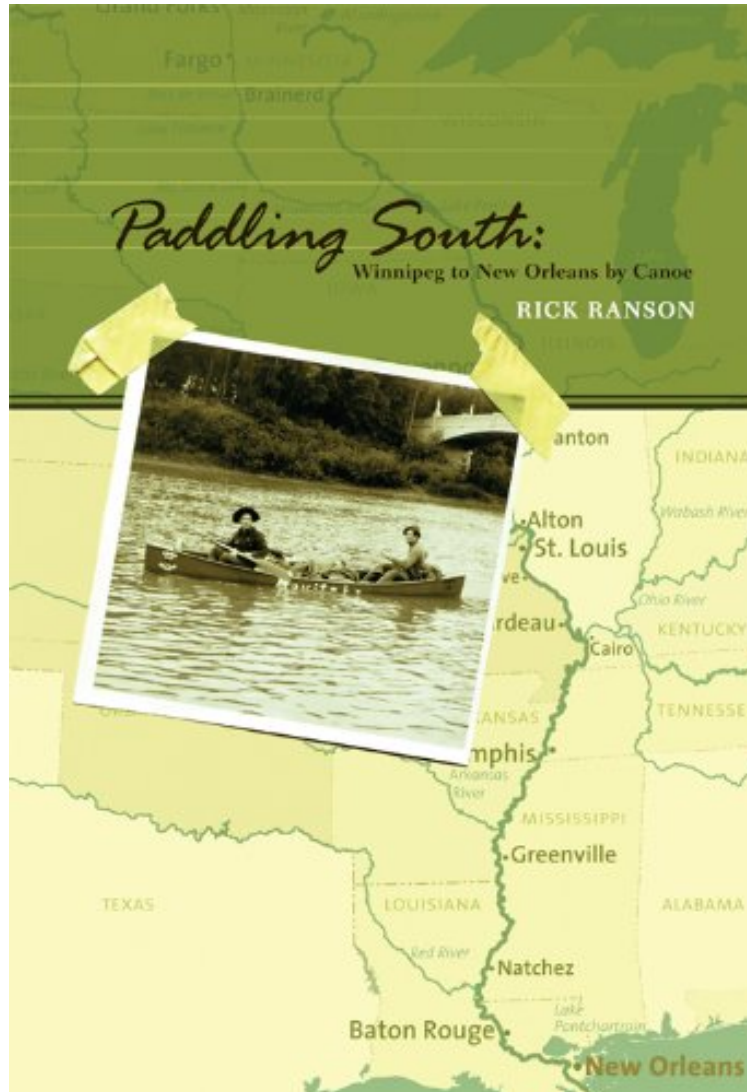


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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Paddling Sloth By Ken Kardash Prospective readers should be warned that this book is in many ways not what it seems. First of all, it is not a continuous narrative of traveling through the heart of America by canoe but a disjointed sequence of introspective musings by one of the two ill-prepared twenty-year-olds from Winnipeg who undertook this trip in 1969. One wonders if the discontinuity is due to the fact that their travels were expedited by car, motorboat and sailboat, or the fact that the events are being recollected

some 40 years later. Some philosophical comments about how both Winnipeg and New Orleans have both had their characters shaped by flooding suggest that Hurricane Katrina may have been the catalyst for this long-delayed trip down memory lane. Or perhaps it is the author's attempt at catharsis/apology for the progressive deterioration of his relationship with his erstwhile friend and travel partner, which serves as the excruciating theme of the narrative. If nothing else, this tale will help dispel any romantic notions about paddling the Mississippi system even 40 years ago; industrial traffic and damming seem to have rendered it dangerously impractical as a canoe route, especially for the unprepared. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A solid and hilarious story about two friends right out of high school. By Midwest Book Review. A huge journey, but Ranson has learned it was worth the trip. "Paddling South: Winnipeg to New Orleans by Canoe" tells of his epic voyage going from the Great Lakes all the way down to the Gulf of Mexico. His story is incredibly intriguing and entertaining, filled with plenty of entertaining character. A solid and hilarious story about two friends right out of high school, "Paddling South" is one of the most entertaining memoirs one could find.

In the Fall of 1969, Rick Ranson and John Van Landeghem, both barely out of high school, took on the might of the Red and Mississippi Rivers to paddle a canoe from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to New Orleans, Louisiana. Combining high drama with hilarity, Ranson tells how the duo, ducked bullets in St. Louis, avoided a whirlpool, worked on a Mississippi tow boat, sailed a yacht through a barge congested Cairo, IL, and spent a few days in the Fargo City Jail, while meeting an eclectic array of unforgettable characters. Paddling South tells the incredible tale of how they survived the three month trip on the often treacherous rivers, beset by snow storms, hurricanes, monstrous waves, and unseen dams.