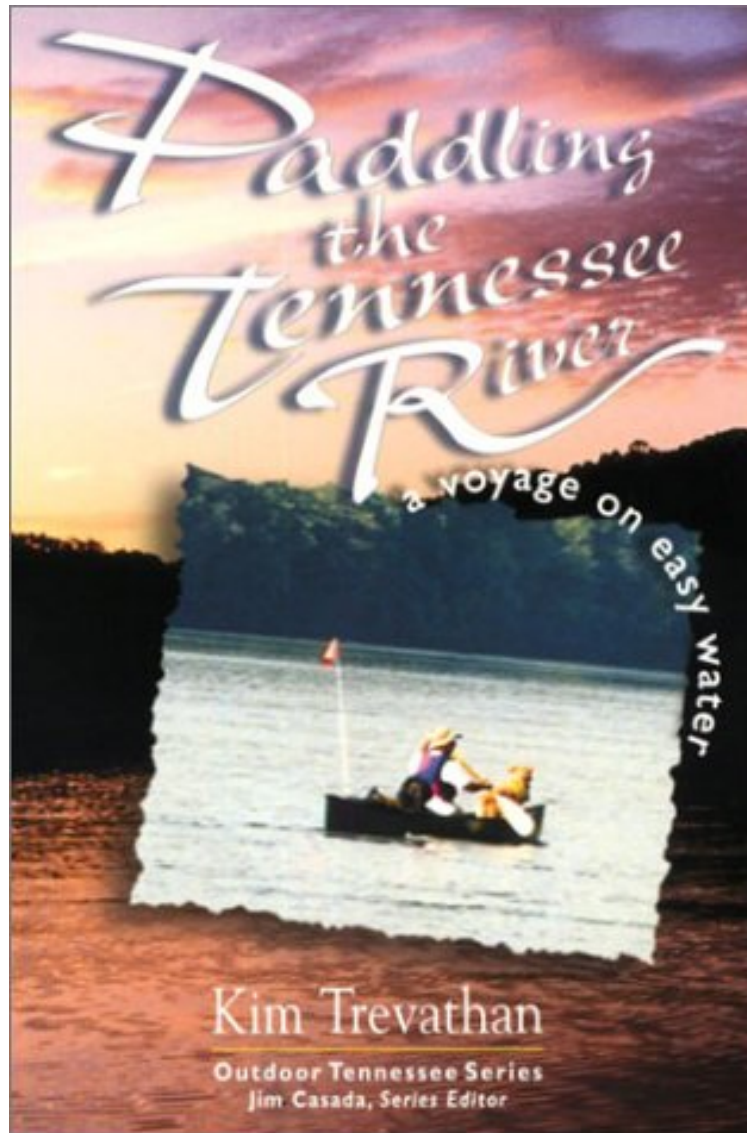


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This writer speaks from his heart to every serious canoeist or

kayaker, and even to those who wannabe. By Hugh WI first read Coldhearted River: A Canoe Odyssey Down the Cumberland, (by the same author), then read this particular book. After reading the book about the Cumberland River first, I was a bit concerned that I might find the writer's earlier book about the Tennessee River to be less enjoyable/less interesting, but actually found it to be even more entertaining and informative. I learned enough to rule out any ideas of doing a long paddle trip on the Cumberland, and found, instead, that paddling a long section of the Tennessee between Pickwick Dam and Kentucky Lake may be just the trip I want to paddle. Anyone interested in extended paddling trips will find either or both of these books interesting, informative, and well written, regardless of whether you're reading for entertainment or researching an extended paddling trips you may be contemplating. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. New appreciation for the river that runs through my hometown. By Nathan Nelson I'll preface my review by saying that I often skip writing reviews, but rely heavily on them for purchases. I had to make sure I stopped and wrote my praises of this book though. I really like adventure journals type books such as this, but he does a great job of limiting the book's lecturing on the river, paddling, or even history.. He does all these things, but adds in just the right amount of opinion from himself and the people he met along the way. I paddle the Tennessee river and its tributaries often, and this book made me more thankful for the amazing waterway I live by. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Read By Terry Bunde Kim Trevathan takes you as his companion while he and his dog Jasper canoe the length of the Tennessee River. The river journey takes you from Knoxville, Tennessee to Paducah, Kentucky as the river winds its way through a series of man-made lakes in four states. He describes the history of the river and introduces you to the wonderful characters he meets in his six week journey.

In late August 1998, Kim Trevathan and his dog, Jasper, set out by canoe on a long, slow trip down the 652 miles of the Tennessee River, the largest tributary of the Ohio. Trevathan wanted to experience the river in its entirety, from Knoxville's narrow, winding channel, which flows past rocky bluffs, to the wide-open waters of Kentucky Lake at its lower end. Over the course of the five-week voyage, Trevathan rediscovered the people and places that made history on the Tennessee's banks. He crossed the path of the explorer Meriwether Lewis along the Natchez Trace, noted the sites of Ulysses S. Grant's Civil War battles, and passed Hiwassee Island, the spot where a teenaged runaway named Sam Houston lived with Cherokee Chief Jolly. Trevathan also came to know the modern rivers dwellers, including a towboat pilot, two couples who traded in their landlocked homes for life on the river, a campground owner, and a meteorologist for NASA. He placed his life in the hands of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lock operators as he and Jasper navigated the river's nine dams. Paddling the Tennessee River is a powerful travel narrative that captures the river's wild, turbulent, and defiant past and confronts what it has become: an overused and overdeveloped series of lakes. But first and foremost, the book is the story of a man and his dog, riding low enough to smell the water and to discover the promise of a slow river running through the southern heartland. The Author: Kim Trevathan, who earned his M.F.A. in creative writing at the University of Alabama, works as a new media writer and producer and writes a column for the Maryville Daily Times. His essays and short stories have been published in The Distillery, New Millennium Writings, The Texas Review, New Delta Review, and Under the Sun. He lives in Rockford, Tennessee.

From the Author Most experienced canoeists shake their heads in puzzlement when I tell them I canoed the length of the Tennessee. With nine dams, little or no current, and heavy barge, jet ski, and cabin cruiser traffic, it is not the ideal river for canoeists. I conceived of the trip, from the outset, as a writing project about the Tennessee, and the canoe enabled me to write about the river from a perspective different from most other people. I was low to the water, close enough to touch it and smell it, and I was under my own power, which made it imperative that I constantly consult the navigational charts in detail to find shortcuts and mile markers. The biggest dangers to me on the Tennessee were not from the dams, the barges, snakes, or from "Deliverance" style villains out to get me. My dog Jasper and I were most often threatened by those unaware of our existence or of their effect upon us: cabin cruiser captains whose boats created four to five-foot high wakes. About the Author Kim Trevathan, who earned his M.F.A. in creative writing at the University of Alabama, works as a new media writer and producer and writes a column for the Maryville Daily Times. His essays and short stories have been published in The Distillery, New Millennium Writings, The Texas , New Delta , and Under the Sun. He lives in Rockford, Tennessee.