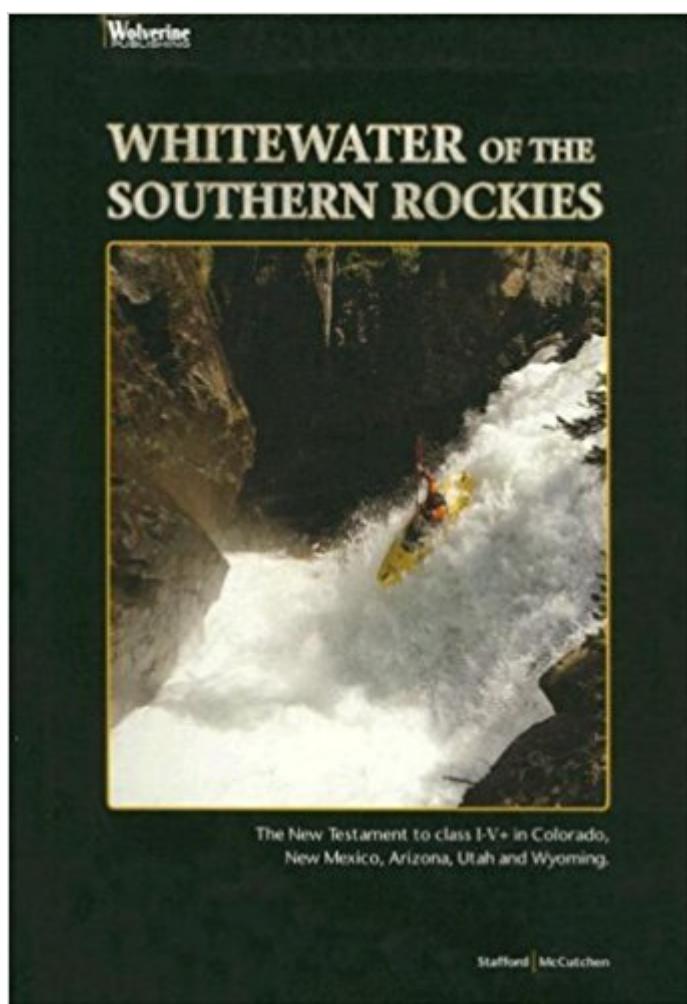


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# Whitewater Of The Southern Rockies



## **Synopsis**

Tiny drops of water melt from snow in the 14,000-foot peaks of the Rocky Mountains. Each drop gathers with another, and another, and eventually those drops reach salt water in one of four places, thousands of miles away from their origin. This book covers the hundreds of rivers and creeks that form in the mountains and flow through the hills and deserts of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Wyoming. The most comprehensive catalog of class II - V+ kayaking and rafting sections ever compiled, and lit up with over 300 full-page color photos that say more than words can. A clear design, succinct river descriptions, and precise beta boxes make this the whitewater guidebook of choice.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm a West Coast paddler, but I sneak over to the region covered by this book occasionally, so I took a blind chance and got myself a copy. Now my biggest complaint is that I haven't been back to the area since I got this book! In some ways, Whitewater of the Southern Rockies isn't like other paddle guides I own. For one thing it's the most ambitious in scope. I count 636 pages covering 332 different river sections and play spots. The obligatory disclaimer states "This book is intended as a reference tool for experienced paddlers", and with about half the runs ranking Class IV-V+, there is certainly a lot of hairy whitewater to be explored in this volume. With so much territory to survey, Stafford and McCutchen do not assume complete authority. Instead, they act more as compilers of material from dozens of contributors, providing readers with a local insider's view from river to river.

With its glossy paper, graphic design, spectacular full-page color photography, and ad pages for various sponsors, WSR reads rather like a series of magazine articles in a collected digest format, and weighs almost 4 pounds. Authors frequently address the river access problems faced by boaters in the Great Divide region of the US, which are considerably worse than those in the West, where more rivers pass through public land. I also appreciate the beta box entries for Character, Remoteness, and Hitchability, which can be really helpful for adventurous paddlers making travel plans and logistical decisions. The Glossary gets a little too cute with entries for Shuttle Bunnies and Bootie Beers, but if you look for an entry for Safety Talk, you won't find one. Except for chapters on Arizona and New Mexico, the book is organized by watershed or mountain range. For us river rats who like to map our destinations that way, this book can be a valuable travel asset and a pleasure to browse through at home during the off-season. Thanks to all involved for a fine publication which sets a high standard for guide books to come.

Definitely more kayaking centered, but even still, this book is priceless as a river rafter.

I spent about two hours yesterday looking through this book. The river stats/descriptions are spot on and the hundreds of full color photos make browsing the book a lot of fun. If you boat and live in the Southern Rockies region this book should be as essential as your boat itself.

good book with overall good location info, a bit opinionated by the authors(Childish negativity) - I would take it with a grain of salt, Colorado rivers and creeks is a better authored book for locals,still my go to and a better point of view.

Used this book to try and find Forrest Fenn's treasure :) "Begin it where warm water cease and take it in a canyon down" Didn't find the treasure, but enjoyed some good hiking.

This book is commonly referred to as the "New Testament" of whitewater in Colorado. 'Colorado Rivers & Creeks' is the "Old Testament" of whitewater in Colorado. The new book covers runs in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Wyoming - many of which weren't in 'Colorado Rivers and Creeks' which only covered Colorado and some runs in Northern New Mexico. Whitewater of the Southern Rockies has good information, great photos, and includes many runs that were previously unknown to most of the boating community. The ratings for each run are detailed and include info on seasonality, water levels, difficulty, length, put-ins and take-outs, and a subjective

rating on the quality of the run itself. If you live in the areas this book covers it is an indispensable resource.

This book covers six states and offers good descriptions of the massive amount of whitewater available in the southern rockies. Many of the rivers have previously been undocumented, so it is a very valuable resource for adventurers in search of new frontiers. This is the first guidebook to document "The Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone" which is my favorite run in North America. The photos are astounding, and are worth buying the book for. A Dancing on the Edge of an Endangered Planet

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