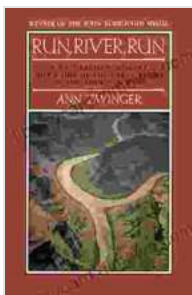


# Naturalist Journey Down One Of The Great Rivers Of The West

The Colorado River is one of the most iconic rivers in the world. It flows through seven states and two countries, and its waters have carved some of the most spectacular canyons on Earth. In this article, we will take a naturalist's journey down the Colorado River and explore its canyons, plants, and animals.

## The Headwaters of the Colorado River

The Colorado River begins its journey in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Here, the river is a small, clear stream that flows through alpine meadows and forests. As the river flows downstream, it picks up sediment and becomes a muddy brown color.



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## The Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon is the most famous canyon in the world. It is carved by the Colorado River and is over 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and over a mile deep. The canyon is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is visited by millions of people each year.

The Grand Canyon is home to a variety of plants and animals. The canyon walls are home to a variety of cacti, wildflowers, and trees. The river itself is home to a variety of fish, including the endangered humpback chub.

### **The Lower Colorado River**

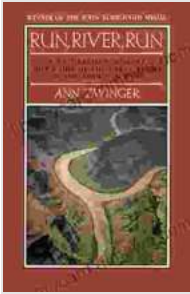
The lower Colorado River flows through the Sonoran Desert. Here, the river is a slow-moving, meandering river that is home to a variety of plants and animals. The riverbanks are lined with cottonwood trees and willows, and the river itself is home to a variety of fish, including the endangered razorback sucker.

### **The Colorado River Delta**

The Colorado River Delta is a large, marshy area where the river empties into the Gulf of California. The delta is home to a variety of plants and animals, including the endangered Yuma clapper rail.

The Colorado River is a vital resource for the people of the Western United States. It provides water for drinking, irrigation, and hydropower. The river is also a popular destination for recreation, including fishing, boating, and rafting.

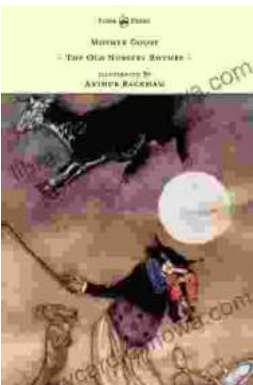
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