

MANY RIVERS TO RUN

A series of kayaking stories and reminiscences compiled and edited by Dave Manby

1. *Dave Manby.* WORKING TITLES.
An introduction to the book and a sort of explanation of how the book came to be collated.
2. *Milt Jines.* CARTOONS.
An intro to Milt whose cartoons litter the book at appropriate places.
3. *Colin Hill.* THE SLIDE SHOW.
Colin's description of how an evening showing slides from his travels to friends sent him into a reverie of past times and changed the audience's lifestyle.
4. *Mick Hopkinson.* THE BLUE NILE.
Mick's detailed reminiscences of one of the very early "white water expeditions"; the 1972 descent of the Blue Nile.
5. *Jan Kelner.* BANDIT RUN.
Jan's chance meeting on an airplane of an enthusiastic tourist development officer leads to running a stretch of white water which only runs when the dam is opened for tourists. Unfortunately permission was refused so it had to be Bandit run.
6. *Arlene Burns.* TRESSPADDLERS.
Taking advantage of the Chinese opening Tibet to independent travelers from Nepal, Arlene and Dan Dixon tried to make their way to the source of the Tsangpo and then paddle down as far as they can.
7. *Donald Bean.* PADDLING TROUGH HISTORY.
Donald's life story, pretty well from when he started paddling with his brother in the 1930s till his Diamond Jubilee of paddling when he celebrated 60 years of paddling by running rivers in Spain, Turkey, the Grand Canyon, Nepal, Costa Rica and India in a 12 month period. "The allotment got neglected that year".
8. *Francesco Salvato.* HUMLA KANARLI.
Francesco's account of one of the early descents of this Nepalese classic. A descent when information was not on the web or in a guide book; when information was gleaned from bar conversation and foreign language telephone calls.
9. *Whit Deschner* . KARNARL KNOWLEDGE AND TAMUR OR NOT TAMUR.
Whit's two stories of paddling in Nepal. They capture the essence of river

trips in that country – not to be used as guides though!

10. *Dave Manby.* THE BRALDU.
Dave's personal account of his battle with the Braldu River that flows off K2 the world's second highest mountain. Mixing his three visits to the area Dave's account detail Mike Jones's drowning, his near drownings and his returning to the area many years later.
11. *Andy Middleton.* A DAY AT THE RACES.
Between the western edge of mainland Britain and Ramsey Island lies the Bitches a row of rocks which when the wind and tide combine give rise to a predictably chaotic set of waves and holes for the kayaker. Andy's extolling the need for risk and play is a lesson we all forget too often.
12. *Allan Ellard.* MIKE AND AL'S MOST EXCELLENT ADVENTURE.
Mike Abbott and Allan met on the banks of a river in Nepal became the best of friends and have had numerous adventures ever since. This is an account of just one of those years.
13. *Doug Ammons* . FLOWS WITH THE BRO'S. TONY AND THE NORTH FORK.
Doug lives in Montana but fell for the North Fork of the Payette and here is his homage to the river and the paddlers who have battled with and played on its 17 miles of classic white water rapids, culminating with his descent at record flows.
14. *Guy Baker.* SERIOUS SATURDAY.
The White Nile, now a park and play destination was a major undertaking and Guy's account of one of the very early runs captures the feeling of being "out there" – not just on the river but also with his encounter with a hippo.
15. *Mike Hewlett.* THE INDUS.
Mike's piece about the multi national expedition to paddle the Indus from Skardu down captures the mix and compromises of paddling with a TV crew filming the trip. When does the expedition cease to be an expedition to paddle a river become an expedition to make a film?
16. *Jonas Noker.* OBSCURED BY CLOUDS.
Armed with GPS gizmos and helicopter supplied food dumps and the wettest dry season for years Jonas account of paddling in Papua becomes an account of survival and near misses and disaster followed by relief. An absolutely incredible story.
17. *Wolfgang Haibach.* SCENES FROM A FIRST DESCENT.
A large German group successful descent of the Homathko River in the coastal mountains of British Columbia.
18. *Don Weedon.* NIAGRARA.
Paddling the "whirlpool rapids" below Niagara is illegal. Half the challenge

is this illegality and the schemes and ruses to evade the authorities. Don beautifully captures this cops and robbers scenario and the paddling of the huge rapids.

19. *My Mum.*

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

I invited my family to Turkey to the Coruh and Euphrates rivers for my fortieth birthday – we had a great time and my mother and father were surprised to be given buoyancy aid, paddles and helmets on the trip – they thought they would be in van following down the river on the bank.