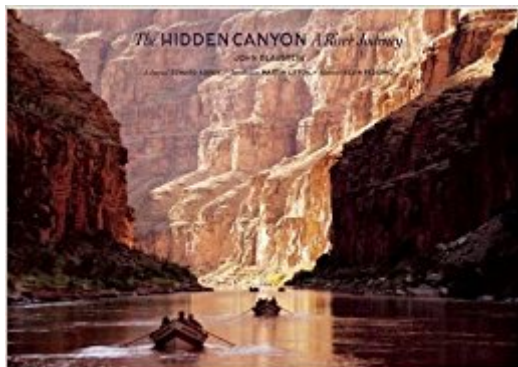


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# The Hidden Canyon: A River Journey



## Synopsis

One of the great wonders of the natural world, the Grand Canyon has long enticed visitors to gaze down upon its expansive beauty. For others, it is best observed from the river that flows through its majestic walls. In *The Hidden Canyon*, renowned photographer and river guide John Blaustein and environmental hero and bestselling author Edward Abbey document their epic journey through the canyon from the vantage point of the Colorado River. Abbey's humorous and lyrical journal, accompanied by Blaustein's stunning photography, recalls the excitement and wonder of navigating the alternating calm and churning waters of the Colorado with a group of fellow adventurers in small wooden rowboats known as dories. This revised and updated edition, including dozens of new photographs and an afterword by Kevin Fedarko, captures the grandeur of the canyon and depicts their life-altering journeys through hundreds of miles of breathtaking landscapes, secret gardens, stunning wildlife, and demanding white water.

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## Customer Reviews

"Blaustein's color photographs are spectacular." - Los Angeles Times  
"I cannot recall a better collection of Grand Canyon photographs than these." - Library Journal

John Blaustein started rowing in the Grand Canyon in 1970 as one of the first river guides with Martin Litton's *Grand Canyon Dories*. Having been a guide on more than 80 trips during his 40+ years on the river, Blaustein still rows the river once or twice a year. In addition to photographing the Grand Canyon, he does commercial assignments that have taken him around the world. Blaustein

lives in Berkeley, California. Edward Abbey (1927-1989) was a novelist, essayist, social critic, and outspoken defender of the American wilderness. His many books include *Desert Solitaire* and *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. Martin Litton (1917-2014) was the founder of Grand Canyon Dories and the recipient of the John Muir Award, the Sierra Club's most prestigious honor. In 2004, Litton celebrated his 87th birthday by rowing a dory down the 277 miles of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon and became the oldest person in the world to do so. Kevin Fedarko has written for *Outside*, *Esquire*, *National Geographic Adventure*, and other publications and was on the staff of *Time Magazine*. His book, *The Emerald Mile*, won the National Outdoor Book Award and the Reading the West Award and was a New York Times bestseller.

I have been lucky enough to kayak the 212 miles from Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek four times. Three privates with rafter friends who wanted kayak support, and my latest trip, joining a kayak school for a fall launch (no motor rigs). My first trip in 1993, we got to see Havasu before the devastating flash flood that destroyed so much of the beautiful travertine dams, creating terraces of clear, blue water. It was like a vision of the garden of Eden. This book and the pictures takes me back to those voyages of discovery, and wonder at the scenery, Anasazi ruins, and side canyon hikes, exploring new areas; finding ancient pictographs too. A very special, magical place, to ponder history and our place in the natural world, and the importance of National Parks. Join a float trip down the Canyon, especially in a dory, or a fall raft trip if you can. It's that important. I just added my picture of dories at Havasu.

I highly recommend the third edition of *The Hidden Canyon* by John Blaustein. Think back to your first Grand Canyon river journey or look ahead to your upcoming trip, or better yet, make your reservation today and start dreaming. Your adventure is enlightening, exciting, and exhilarating is all captured in Abbey's journal and Blaustein's photographs. You will absolutely love the new photographs in this third edition, and you'll remember those special places with a giant smile on your face and a warmth in your heart. In my first reading, I compared the changes between this edition and the last.... but then, with delight, I was able to slowly read Edward Abbey's journal and pause to see the landscapes, details and reflections, and capture the feelings each photograph emits. This river-level view of the Grand Canyon is simply stunning. If you own a previous edition of this book, you will want this one too. The color reproduction is outstanding, and almost of a third of the images are new. Kevin Fedarko's afterword adds a thoughtful and touching

end to the journey and the book. This book is a real treat!

This beautiful new edition of Hidden Canyon only improves what was already a wonderful and intimate picture of the majestic Grand Canyon. Edward Abbey's essay, which accompanies the photography, brings wit and a personal narrative of rowing through the Canyon. John Blaustein, who has been rowing the Canyon for more than 30 years, knows this landscape intimately. And it shows. Love the quality of the new additional, with its beautiful "dust jacket" that is as gorgeous as the cover. This is a great book to own or to gift to anyone who loves the Grand Canyon.

This is a beautiful, breathtaking book. So glad I got it and have read it many times now, but the real, awe-inspiring treat is the fantastic pictures which are plentiful. It is a treasured addition to our home.

What a great book. Whether you have been in the hidden parts of the Grand Canyon or only been to the Rim, or just dream about it, there is no better or more beautiful photography on the market than this book. Blaustein has outdone himself and the previous versions of this book. I took the Colorado River trip for fifteen days last year, and the memories of this spectacular hidden part of American heritage are all renewed by paging through this wonderful book.

If you have ever been on the Colorado going down the Grand Canyon you will love this book. It is impossible to capture with a cell phone or ordinary camera the grand scale of the place, and this book does it for you. It gives wonderful history, interesting commentary on things you may not have been able to do, and brings the entire experience fully to mind. It is marvelous.

Caution-After reading, I checked the internet for canyon trips.

Who would have thought that a classic volume on the Colorado River and inner Grand Canyon could get better...way better. The photographer has integrated new photos and polished earlier ones, woven into a power-packed layout that will blow you away. All this adorned with the consummate language of three great authors of the American southwest; Litton, Abbey and Fedarko. This volume belongs on the table of all those who love the canyon country...and seek a constant reminder of how this region continues to hold us in its grasp.

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