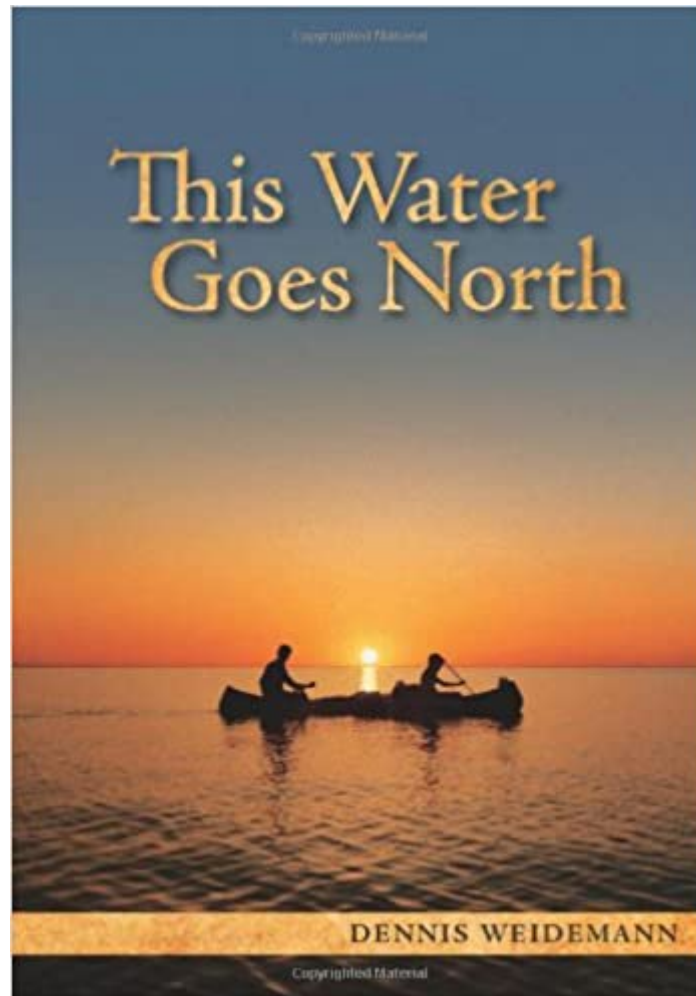




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From the tranquil farmland waters of Minnesota to the treacherous wilderness rapids of Manitoba, four young men in two old canoes experience an adventure that every kid talks about, but few take. With leaky tents, little experience, and no TV cameras or big-time sponsors, the lads set out in 1979 to paddle 1,400 miles north to Hudson Bay. Why? Why not! Driven by a youthful sense of adventure, they took the chance of a lifetime just to see what lay around the next turn. Sit in their canoe as they glide through smooth waters and survive rushing rivers. Experience with them the desolation of true wilderness and go on humorous escapades with local characters. With graceful storytelling, Dennis Weidemann weaves this richly diverse tale of near disasters, splendid sunsets, bootleggers, Mounties, polar bears, and the indomitable spirit of youth. Share the dream that still lives, and that will surely inspire others.

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"For a fine story about the dreams, resilience, and joys of youth and youth remembered; This Water Goes North is a trip well worth taking." [Canoeing.com](#) "Delightful . . . beautifully written. More than just a travelogue, it is about living life to the fullest, jumping in despite the fear, and taking each moment as it comes. Every library should own a copy." [Wendy Wendt](#): 2008 president, Minnesota Library Association

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This should be made into a movie! What a great story. As well written as "A River Runs Through It," maybe better. Thank you Dennis for writing this and spending what must have been a long time in editing to make it flow so smoothly. The retrospects from the people you met along the way are a great addition. Anyone thinking about writing about life's adventures should read this book before they do. And those not yet sure, keep a journal!

Terrific armchair adventure, told with great good humor. Bought it because it's similar to Eric Sevareid's book--which they reference in the first chapter. The stuff at the end where people they met on their journey recall them decades later, was especially welcome.

If you would love - taking a 2 month trip in a canoe leaving from Minnesota traveling through the Canadian wilderness - getting wet - surviving on the land - making some wonderful memories - all the while enjoying the ride from the comfort of your easy chair without getting your feet wet - this is your story. You just might wish it was your own!

This book is just a little gem of a story, surprisingly well written and entertaining.

A very interesting account of four young men seeking a thrilling adventure. I'm glad one of the four kept a good journal of the trip and several years after the events he decided to write about it for us to share. They were fortunate that they did not have have serious problems that may have caused significant problems during their wilderness journey.

All is fine!!

Excellent!!

As an out doorsman and history buff, I've read several canoeing books that detail the trips in various time periods. I found this one entertaining and would recommend it as an easy read.

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