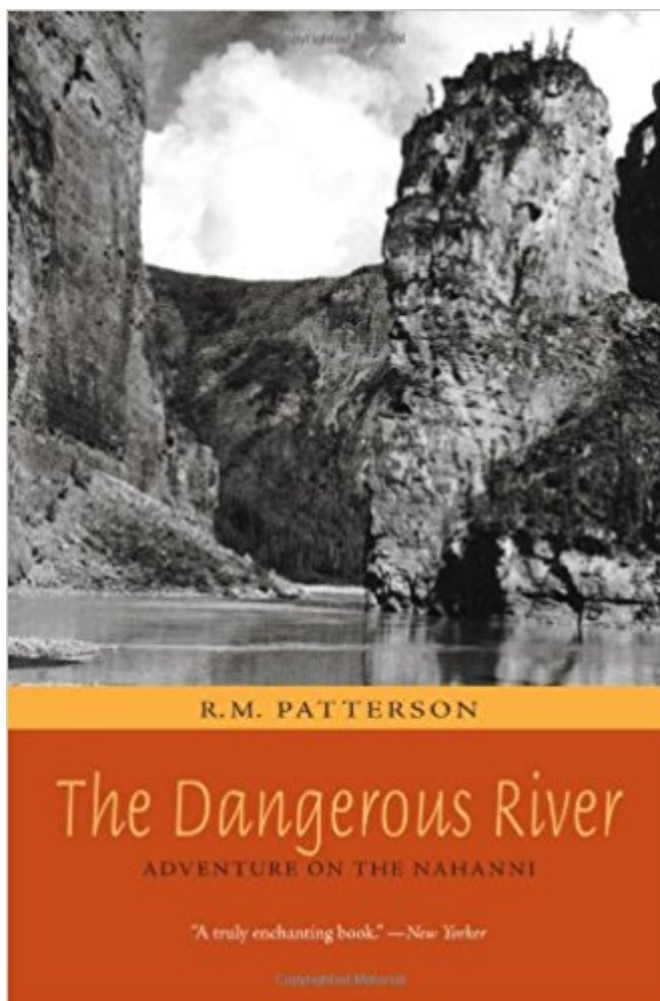


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The Dangerous River: Adventure On The Nahanni



Synopsis

Written with R. M. Patterson's characteristic sharp wit and observation, this classic tale chronicles the year he spent battling frigid temperatures and wild waters along the Nahanni River in Canada's Northwest Territories. Patterson originally travelled to the North with hopes of finding gold, and clues to the mysterious disappearance of earlier prospectors. Instead, he fell in love with the landscape, and through his meticulously recorded journals and hauntingly beautiful photographs he introduced the now-famous Nahanni River to the world. Patterson's bestselling first book is now back in print and ready to take readers down the treacherous and challenging waters of the Nahanni River once again.

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In 1927, British-born writer and adventurer Patterson braved the Nahanni, "this strange river with the beautiful name," in rugged Northwest Canada, where he was prospecting for long-rumored gold, investigating the mysterious murders of an earlier party of prospectors and, above all, seeking excitement. He found no gold and didn't solve the mystery, but the journal of his yearlong battle with the dangerous river (and with temperatures that plummeted to 60 below zero) stands as a paragon of travel writing. Even readers who dislike getting their feet wet will be carried along by Patterson's dry wit, his neatly turned phrases ("Far above the river the topmost cliffs were lit with the wild, yellow light of the setting sun, but down by the water's edge there was only the puny flame of the evening fire") and his very British devotion to tea, which he downs by the bucketful. The book includes black-and-white photos from the original edition, long out of print, that hint at the eerie, ferocious

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One of the 10 best Adventure Paddling Books. --Cecil Kuhn, Canoe and Kayak 05/2003

I didn't know this book existed until I read "Far North" by Will Hobbs. It's a kids' book about two teenagers and an old Nahanni Indian who get stranded in Deadmen's Valley after their plane crashes in the winter. The author mentioned that he fell in love with the Nahanni River area after reading R. M. Patterson's account of it--"The Dangerous River." Of course, I had to read the original, so I have now read it, and it was interesting seeing how Mr. Hobbs took lots of events in his fictional story out of Mr. Patterson's adventures. Mr. Patterson even mentions that he got the idea to go see the Nahanni region after reading an even earlier book. Maybe I'll have to check it out too. This isn't one of those books that I could sit down and read straight through. It's not a novel, but it does give background information about an unspoiled paradise in the far north--some of the few areas that remain unspoiled by human civilization. I liked the pictures of the area. When I try reading about it on the internet, there aren't that many sources of information. This book is probably the best.

excellent.

This captivating story of two trips up the South Nahanni river in Canada by the author introduces the reader to the experiences of living, traveling, and trapping in the wild during the late 1920's.

Patterson lived along the Nahanni when the area was still wild and relatively unraveled. His descriptions of life at that time are excellent and provide us with a source of history that would otherwise be forgotten. This book is well worth reading to get both an idea of life in the Canadian north between 1927 and 1929. The book provides a good historical reference for the Nahanni and would be a good source of background information for anybody contemplating canoeing the river.

Dangerous River is a real adventure and I enjoyed it very much! There are not very many wild places on the planet to explore, this book takes you to one of these rare places. It makes me want to pack up and go!

it's a good read, I did the full length of the Nahanni River (350 miles/3weeks), as a privately organized canoe camping trip in 1988. I knew of this book, but had never read it. I'm a retired whitewater canoeist, so it was only disappointing, in that it was more about survival, hunting, fishing, trapping, etc., none of which interested me. It's a bit difficult to describe actually being there. It's about the wildness of that region, even as it exists today.

I have read The Dangerous River twice and lost my copy. Bought it this time to read it again for the third time. Do I need to say more!

My husband took a river trip down the Nahanni River, he loved the book and it gave lots of history too.

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