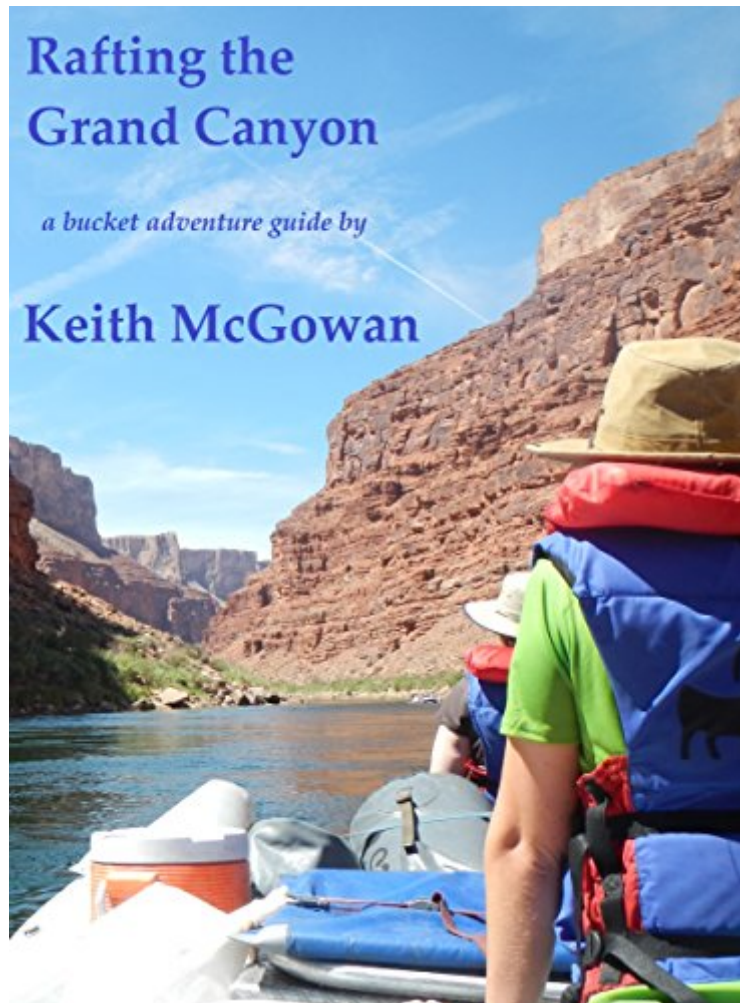




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Rafting The Grand Canyon (Bucket Adventure Guides Book 1)



Synopsis

Looking for adventure before the Grim Reaper knocks on your door? If rafting the Grand Canyon is on your bucket list (and it should be), this book can answer your questions and maximize your adventure. Packed with photographs and illustrations, Rafting the Grand Canyon explains what to expect and how to prepare for the trip of a lifetime. This bucket adventure guide contains answers to specific questions about the Grand Canyon and rafting the Colorado River. Topics include the differences between commercial and noncommercial trips, the types of boats used, and the lengths of trips. The material is cross linked for easy reference both within the book and to external web links. Organized into four sections, the guide provides invaluable information on what to bring, a list of the commercial outfitters licensed by the National Park Service, and a description of the rapids with points of interest. In addition, the reader can enjoy brief descriptions of ~ the oddball characters who have traveled through the Grand Canyon, ~ the wildlife that might be encountered, ~ the rock formations that will be encountered, and ~ the imminent threats to the Canyon's very existence. Included are fascinating stories about: ~ the one-armed Civil War veteran who explored the Colorado River while sitting in a chair; ~ an attempt to build a railroad through the Canyon; ~ a honeymoon couple who mysteriously disappeared while rafting in an unusual boat; ~ two men who swam the entire length of the Canyon because they could not afford a raft; ~ a horrific midair collision over the Canyon that led to vast improvements in aviation safety; and ~ proposals to dam the Colorado and flood the Canyon. This guide even includes a glossary of "Grand Canyon" terms and an explanation of how one goes about getting a permit from the National Park Service for a noncommercial trip. Whether you plan on taking a commercial or noncommercial raft trip through the depths of the "Great Unknown," this book will enhance your experience. A note on bucket adventure guides: This book is the first volume in a series of informative and entertaining ebooks that will include: Hiking Machu Picchu: Somewhat amusing and accurate answers to common and uncommon questions about visiting the Lost City of the Incas Driving New Zealand: How to navigate the wrong side of the road down under without running over a kiwi or being run over by a Kiwi

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Customer Reviews

This is the perfect book for someone who's serious about wanting to take a rafting trip down the Grand Canyon, who wants to learn exceptionally helpful details on planning and taking such a trip, who also has a sense of humor about themselves and others. Highly informative, the information on what to expect and how to prepare for such a trip -- starting more than a year ahead of time -- is related in an easily read set of Q and A's. Setting it apart is that it's done with just the right amount of comedy that'll make you laugh or smile and keep you reading on. The book is suffused with a history of running this river -- successes and failures and why -- and some geological insights to boot. Even if you're not going on a Grand Canyon rafting trip any time soon, the book will pique your interest too as it places into helpful perspectives the canyon, demands on the river by tourists, and water demand and use in the regional and national economy. I highly recommend this book.

I took my family on a fantastic Grand Canyon rafting trip this past summer, and my only regret is that I wish this book had been published before I left. The thoughtful and informative and at time humorous book has great tips on what to take and how to prepare for the trip of a lifetime. In addition to being a "how to prepare" for a real adventure down the Colorado River, it contained some entertaining stories about the Canyon and its colorful history. If you are considering a rafting trip down the Grand Canyon, I would highly recommend this book. Or, if you merely want to take a virtual tour down the Colorado, I can't think of a better book to give you a feel for the actual experience.

Had some very good and helpful info on preparing to raft down the Grand Canyon.

If you're curious about rafting the Grand Canyon, especially with friends or family, get this book! Even if you've already rafted the canyon, this book has extra stories and information that will make you appreciate your trip even more. The book has all the questions (and answers!) you might have in planning and preparing for your trip. This was a family trip we took that my dad planned well in advance. He is very thorough but never loses his sense of humor as he tells the ins and outs of the Grand Canyon: getting there, what you will see and the stories echoing off the canyon walls. Disclaimer: I helped to edit this book.

This book is a great read on many levels. First, it is entertaining and a great read even if you don't plan to raft the Grand Canyon. I particularly enjoyed the question and answer section. The author answers everything that has come to mind, plus addresses questions you haven't even thought of yet. I also loved the historical accounts of Civil War hero Major John Wesley Powell which added a great deal of interest to the book for those who are history buffs. Although we rafted the Canyon about 10 years ago and checked off of our bucket list, reading McGowan's book has rekindled memories of the peace, quiet, and grandeur of the canyon. I have added it back to my list of trips to do again. Read this book cover to cover before your trip, and revisit it upon your return home to take you back to the solitude of one of planet earth's wonders.

Even though rafting the Grand Canyon is not on my bucket list, I found Rafting the Grand Canyon interesting and informative. The tales of the historical characters associated with rafting the Grand Canyon told of a wide variety of experiences by a wide variety of people. The discussion of the geologic history and potential future of the Grand Canyon answered questions I had long had in my unfocused musings. Anyone seriously considering rafting the Grand Canyon will find the first section of the book, Questions about Rafting the Grand Canyon, a wealth of useful information.

Great book to read if you are planning on rafting the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon.

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