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In the summer of 2001, Dennis P. McIlnay did what many people have only dreamed of doing. He spent 15 days on a fishing boat, traveling 100 miles on one of the nation's most scenic waterways, the Juniata River in central Pennsylvania.

*Juniata, River of Sorrows* tells the story of McIlnay's love of the Juniata, which began when his grandfather took him fishing on the river at the age of 13. “Since reading *Huckleberry Finn* as a boy,” McIlnay explains, “I had dreamed of floating the entire Juniata in a single summer.” In this adventurous book, this modern-day Huck Finn fulfills his dream—and that of many others—of floating the length of an American river.

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