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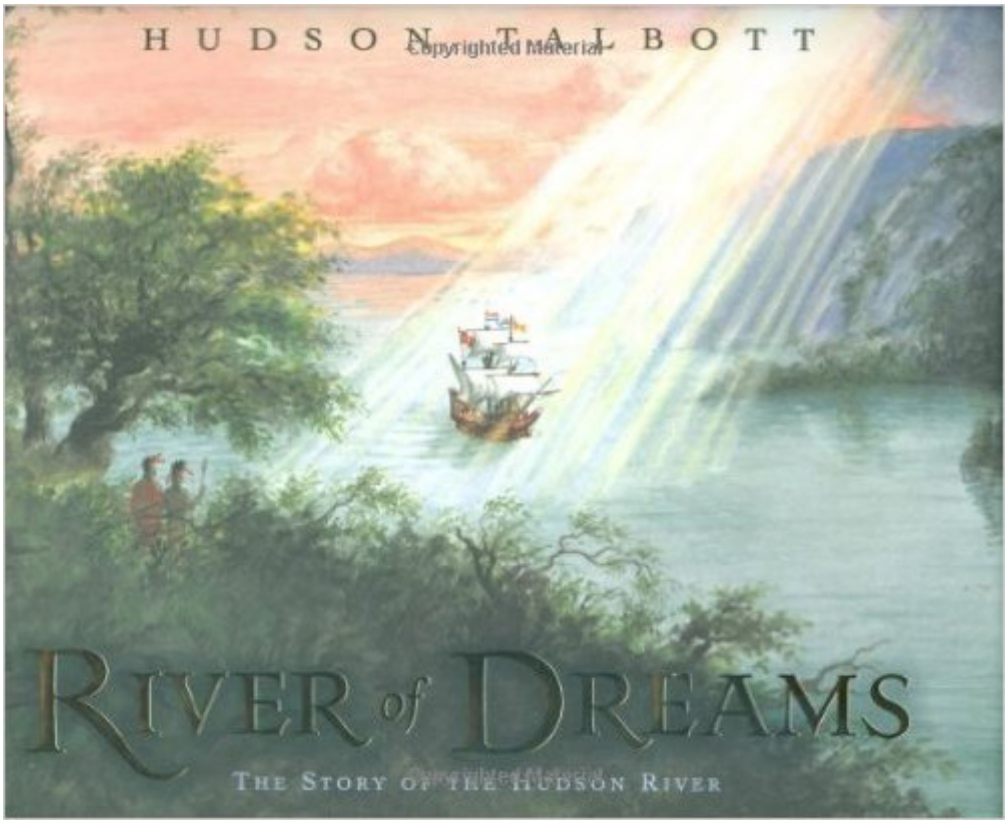
River Of Dreams: The Story Of The Hudson River



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Synopsis

The Hudson River has been a source of inspiration and a means of livelihood to all who have lived along its shores. It played a key role in the settling of the New World and the outcome of the Revolutionary War, and was the birthplace of the environmental movement. Now Hudson Talbott pays homage to the river that shares his name in a gorgeously illustrated, fascinating account of the river?s history. Each appealing spread sheds exciting light on the river?s strategic, economic and cultural signifi cance. Packed with facts, timelines and maps, this is a wonderful introduction to a wide range of topics including the Age of Exploration, the Erie Canal, the Industrial Age, American arts and literature and the environment. River of Dreams is truly a book with something for everyone.

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Customer Reviews

My 13 year old granddaughter, who lives in NJ, recently read, My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George and became enthralled with the Catskill Mountain area. I have lived in the Mid-Hudson Valley, just below the Catskills, for my entire 65 years. I am well acquainted with the Hudson River. As a child, my father and I frequently went boating on and fishing in the waters of the Esopus Creek and the Hudson River. To this day, I live just a few miles west of the Hudson. I

bought this book for my granddaughter for Christmas. It gives a wonderful historical account of the river and it's surrounding areas. The charming illustrations, intertwined with the storyline, holds one's attention as no history book could. One can tend to take for granted the place where they have lived all their life. This book gave me a new appreciation for just how historic and important this area is and how it played an important part in the forming of our nation. Everyone, young and old, who lives in the Hudson Valley or is interested in early colonial history, should read this book. I am now ordering a copy for myself. This is one that I want in my own personal library!

The Hudson River has a rich and intriguing history, beginning with its formation from melting glaciers and continuing today as a conduit for commerce, transportation, and recreation. This "river that flows both ways" not only supported a large Native American population, including the Mohawks and the Mahicans, it also met explorer Henry Hudson in his quest to find the Dutch a new route to China.Over the years, the Hudson River played an important role in the Revolutionary War, the development of transportation by boat, and the growth of New York City into America's largest port, industrial hub, and financial center. However, industrialization brought uncontrolled pollution until a new environmental movement pushed for legislation to protect the Hudson River Valley. With its focus on natural resources, economic development, and pollution, this book makes a valuable tool for engaging children in some lively conversations about economic history and environmental activism.

This is a beautiful book detailing the history and importance of the Hudson River to America. The illustrations will keep children interested, while the historical facts will engage adults. It covers the Native Americans, Henry Hudson's discovery, the role in the Revolutionary War, the building of NYC, the role in American art and literature and more. It is a great gift for history buffs, children or as a coffee table book. Recommended.

Exploration, history, environmental issues, and great illustrations make this a fun book to read yourself or to read to young children. Older children will be entranced by the story of the Hudson River as told by one of it's guardians. All rivers should have a Hudson Talbot kind of author write about them! I bought three- one for myself, one for my adult son and one for a friend of mine who is 5th grade teacher. Highly recommend to all!

I must be honest. I was not really interested in finding and reading this book. What did I care about

the Hudson River? I was wrong. This is a fascinating story of a river and the life it has supported over the years, Native Americans, the Dutch, those who used its link with the Erie Canal, the railroaders, writers, artists, and, now, environmentalists.The pictures are beautiful paintings. The author also includes diagrams and maps and timelines to help the reader better understand the story.

Excellent, surprising gem! Very historical, to the point, with some light joking. I picked this up at the library for my toddler without having any clue for what age group it was intended but he fell asleep! I read it to myself and like it so much that I will purchase it! Great illustrations, as well.

Having grown up in the mid-Hudson River valley, I was familiar with many of the legends and reading this book brought many fond memories back. The art work is enchanting and charming - a perfect compliment to the script. This book is a great addition to anyone's library who is familiar with the complex history of the region.

It's about the Hudson River, for ALL ages. It's illustrated beautifully, informative and downright fun to read! Being a native New Yorker, this book is especially dear to me, and it's so beautifully put together that I will treasure it. Mr. Talbot is a talented author/illustrator, and a real gift to the publishing community!

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