



## Water '22 Book Club Reading List

*Fostering a statewide community reading activity, discussion, and author talks focused on literary works featuring water in the state of Colorado and the Colorado River Basin.*

### March-April 2022 Selection

[theme: fiction]

**Bacigalupi, Paolo. *The Water Knife*. New York: Knopf, 2015.**

**Spanish translation: *Cuchillo de Agua*. Barcelona: Penguin Random House Grupo Editorial, 2016.**

If you like this, you might also like:

Abbey, Edward. *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. New York: Avon, 1976.

Everett, Percival. *Watershed*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2003.

Hart, Gary. *Durango*. Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum Pub., 2012.

Hyde, Elisabeth. *In the Heart of the Canyon*. New York: Knopf, 2009.

Michaels, Lisa. *Grand Ambition*. New York: Norton, 2001.

Recommended classic read: Michener, James A. *Centennial*. New York: Random House, 1974.

### May-June 2022 Selection

[theme: rivers, esp. Colorado River]

**Fedarko, Kevin. *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*. New York: Scribner, 2013.**

If you like this, you might also like:

Hansman, Heather. *Down River: Into the Future of Water in the West*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019.

Lee, Katie. *All My Rivers Are Gone: A Journey of Discovery through Glen Canyon*. Boulder, Colo.: Johnson Books, 1998.

Owen, David. *Where the Water Goes: Life and Death Along the Colorado River*. New York: Riverhead Books, 2017.

Schulte, Steven C. *As Precious as Blood: The Western Slope in Colorado's Water Wars, 1900-1970*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2016.

Tyler, Daniel. *Silver Fox of the Rockies: Delphus E. Carpenter and Western Water Compacts*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2003.

Recommended classic read: Martin, Russell. *A Story That Stands like a Dam: Glen Canyon and the Struggle for the Soul of the West*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1999.

### **July-August 2022 Selection**

[theme: groundwater/ag/municipal]

**D'Elgin, Tershia. *The Man Who Thought He Owned Water: On the Brink with American Farms, Cities, and Food*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2016.**

If you like this, you might also like:

Bingham, Sam. *The Last Ranch: A Colorado Community and the Coming Desert*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1996.

Hobbs, Gregory J. Jr., and Michael Welsh. *Confluence: The Story of Greeley Water*. Greeley, Colo.: City of Greeley, 2020.

Jones, P. Andrew, and Thomas Cech. *Colorado Water Law for Non-Lawyers*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2009.

Limerick, Patricia Nelson with Jason L. Hanson. *A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water*. Golden, Colo.: Fulcrum Publishing, 2012.

Stiller, David. *Water and Agriculture in Colorado and the American West: First in Line for the Rio Grande*. Reno: University of Nevada Press, 2021.

Recommended classic read: Fradkin, Philip L. *A River No More: The Colorado River and the West*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

### **September-October 2022 Selection**

[theme: environment/science/ecology]

**Thompson, Jonathan P. *River of Lost Souls: The Science, Politics, and Greed behind the Gold King Mine Disaster*. Salt Lake City: Torrey House Press, 2018.**

If you like this, you might also like:

Crifasi, Robert R. *A Land Made from Water: Appropriation and the Evolution of Colorado's Landscape, Ditches, and Water Institutions*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2015.

Fausch, Kurt D. *For the Love of Rivers: A Scientist's Journey*. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2015.

Goldfarb, Ben. *Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter*. White River Junction, Vermont: Chelsea Green Publishing, 2018.

Grace, Stephen. *Oil and Water: An Oilman's Quest to Save the Source of America's Most Endangered River*. Denver: UCRA Publishing, 2015.

Kuhn, Eric, and John Fleck. *Science Be Dammed: How Ignoring Inconvenient Science Drained the Colorado River*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2019.

Recommended classic read: Reisner, Marc. *Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water*. New York: Penguin, 1993.