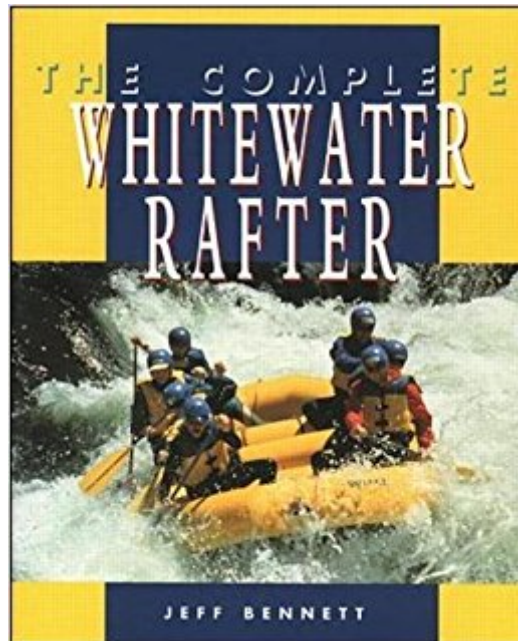




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# The Complete Whitewater Rafter (International Marine-RMP)



## Synopsis

This is the manual endorsed by professional guides, instructors, and recreational river runners everywhere. With comprehensive step-by-step coverage starting with the first run, it includes tips from top guides, outfitters, and instructors, plus the most complete guide to Class V rafting techniques ever assembled. This is the completely revised and updated successor to Bennett's best-selling manual, *Rafting!*.

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As its title suggests, this useful guide offers about as exhaustive a course in river running as you can expect to get on dry land. Author Jeff Bennett outlines a simple approach that will take you from the showroom of your local paddling outfitter to the rapids of your favorite river. You'll learn about rafting history, equipment, safety, and rescue, and explore the dynamic forces at play in the rivers themselves. From underwater currents, surface hydraulics, and rapids classifications to water and wave patterns known as haystacks and pillows, *The Complete Whitewater Rafter* examines all facets of river running. Bennett also covers the planning procedures for full-scale river expeditions and the advanced maneuvers essential for Class V rivers. --Lance Judd

Here's the completely revised and updated successor to Jeff Bennett's best-selling manual, *Rafting!* Captures the fun, excitement, and camaraderie of river running, and provides the technical expertise

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"Required reading for all our rafting students!"--Bill Cross, Director, Running Wild Whitewater School

"Jeff's unique style of writing and whitewater insight provide everyone with that essential information necessary for a trip's success."--Tom Wagner, General Manager, North American River Runners

"A comprehensive guide, of value to both beginning and experienced river runners. This book has everything you need to become adept at river running."--Doug Tims, President, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association

"The rafting community has been waiting a long time for a book like The Complete Whitewater Rafter."--Jack Nelson, Owner, Cascade Outfitters

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"The Complete Whitewater Rafter provides the missing link between boaters and rivers. An extraordinary tool for rafters of any ability."--Dale Fuller, Director, North American Paddle Sports Association

"Puts together in one fun-to-read volume all the information you need to get started in rafting. Even experts will find a

great deal of useful information from this leading authority on the sport."--Richard Penny, Author, The Whitewater Sourcebook

Good book on rafting. Covers all the essentials and a little more. Wish it included inflatable kayaks but I see the author has written another book on that. Too bad they were not combined as much of the info would be redundant. Overall a great book. Can't wait for the spring runoff.

This book was suggested to me by a whitewater rafting outfit that has been in business for many years. They recommend it for all individuals who are just starting down the path of becoming a white water raft guide. It was a thorough account of whitewater rafting practical and logistical information as well as a historical account of the sport. If you're considering becoming a guide - this book is a great read!

Good book, but lacking in the details like: how to rig your frame to the raft, packing the raft properly, how to use a cam strap properly. The section on river flow, and paddling is very good. Rescue section is a good start, but could use a lot more detail.

This book has been very helpful so far. It has a lot of useful information about all aspects of rafting.

Got it for my daughter and she loves it.

I train river guides and this is an excellent reference book.

I found the book informative and a very good place to start for beginning and intermediate white water enthusiasts. Information I found particularly useful were the good diagrams on ferrying and other white water techniques.4532ea

the material is very intro. Will not serve as supportive material for intro to raft guide classes. Good general view of the subject.

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