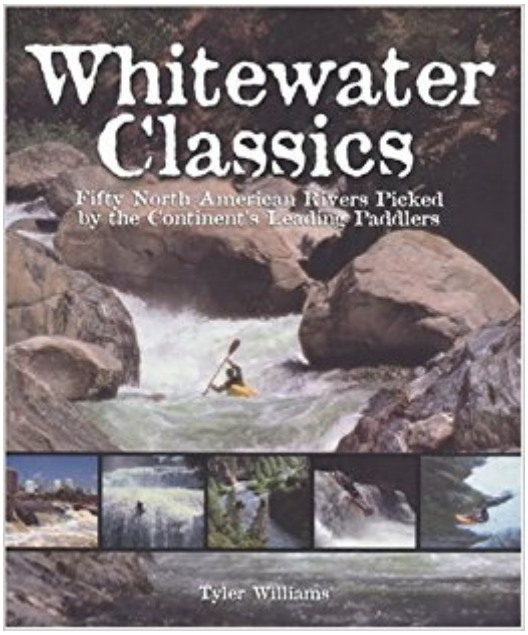
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I have really enjoyed this book which features 50 Classic Whitewater runs across North America. Inspired by the book Fifty Classic Climbs, this is not a book of the "best" runs, the most challenging runs, or even the most popular runs, although any given river often fits into one of these categories. The common thread among all these rivers is the fact that they each have their own colorful and unique personality and history, and even if you haven’t been there anyone who has spent time around the sport has heard of these runs--they are the true Classics.In selecting the rivers for this book Tyler enlisted the assistance of leaders in the sport. Some were pioneers while others have just emerged as the sports newest ambassadors. He includes those who represent different styles of paddling including play boaters, expedition paddlers, racers as well as those who use different

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The combination of great rivers and the whitewater heroes connected to them creates fifty very interesting stories. The tales journey deep inside the history and motivation that has shaped the incredible sport of whitewater adventure. The maps and great photos provide a guidebook style format or armchair view of many of the greatest rivers on the continent. Tyler has obviously put a great effort into this book,and it belongs in every river-runners library.Ã Â Dancing on the Edge of an Endangered Planet

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