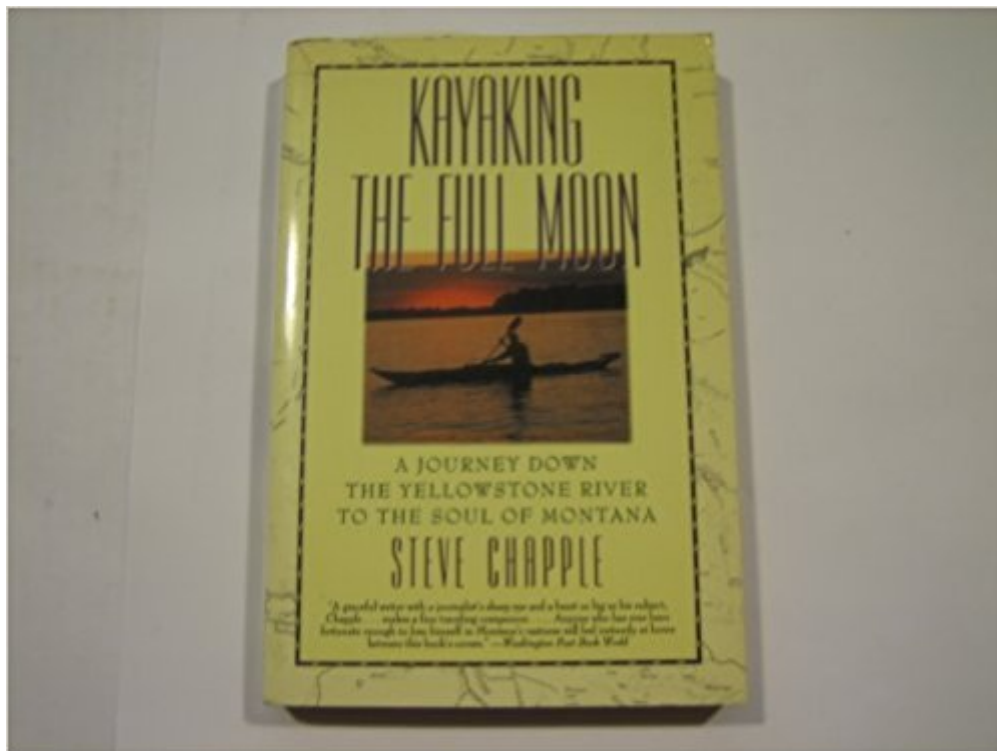




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# **Kayaking The Full Moon: A Journey Down The Yellowstone River To The Soul Of Montana**



## Synopsis

This chronicle of the author's kayaking trip down the length of the Yellowstone River combines a stirring portrait of Montana and its people with a powerful vision of what an unspoiled America might look and feel like. First serial to New York Times Sunday travel section and the San Francisco Examiner Chronicle.

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## Customer Reviews

After living in San Francisco for 10 years, Chapple ( *Burning Desires: Sex in America* ) tired of city problems and decided to move back to his native Montana. The first leg of the return to his roots was to be a kayak trip down the Yellowstone River from Gardiner, Mont., to the confluence of the Missouri. He and his wife outfitted themselves with high-tech equipment and professional guides, but they also brought along their two small sons, with the result that the yearlong expedition involved more time spent in hotels, motels and a rented recreational vehicle--dealing with live-in nannies, bouts of flu and concerns about the weather--than in roughing it on the river. There are white-water adventures, but most of this impressionistic, disconnected narrative is comprised of family reminiscences, snatches of history and conversations with innkeepers, bartenders, farmers, ranchers, native Americans and numerous other cantankerous and free-spirited Montanans, including the maverick dinosaur hunter, John ("Jack") Horner. Some of these vignettes are amusing, but ultimately the reader finds the jumble tedious. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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After ten years of urban life in San Francisco, Chapple, a writer, returned to Montana to rediscover his roots. Along with his wife and two young children, he decided to kayak down the Yellowstone River, the last unspoiled and undammed river in the United States. Their journey of discovery began at Gardiner, Montana, and ended, 671 miles later, at old Fort Buford. Vignettes about family history, Montana characters (such as John "Jack" Horner and the Spider Lady), and Montana history are sprinkled among brief paragraphs about roughing it down the Yellowstone. Unfortunately, readers learn more about Chapple's family history than about having a white - water adventure, and the confusing narrative will leave them annoyed and frustrated. Recommended for large river and Montana collections only.- Kathy Ellerton, Thomas Jefferson Lib. Syst., Jefferson City, Mo. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Anyone who grew up in Montana will enjoy this book

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Big rivers fascinate me. Trips on them fascinate me even more. I liked his friendly way of writing about how he and his family paddled and puddled around on and off the river. His descriptions of surrounding country add to this story. I like a good story, and this is one.

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