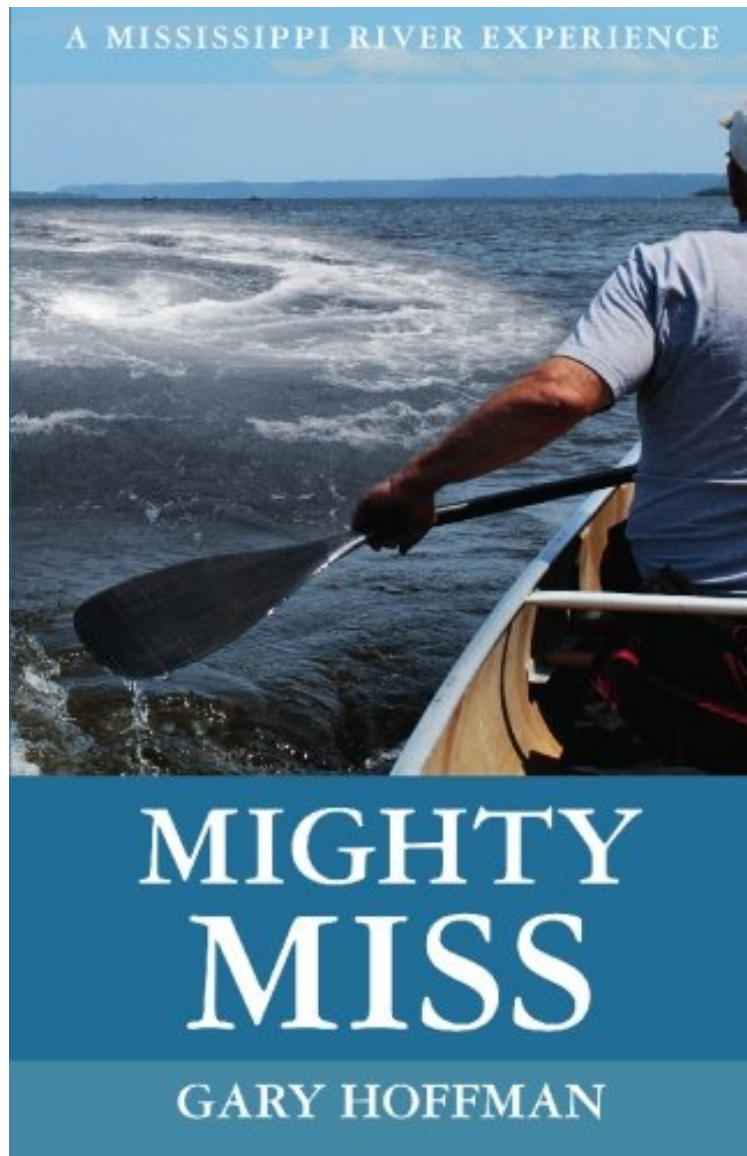


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Gary Hoffman : Mighty Miss: A Mississippi River Experience before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mighty Miss: A Mississippi River Experience:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not bad for self-published effort By C. P. Anderson If you've ever thought about canoeing the Mississippi yourself, this is a book you'll want to add to your shelf. And if you never have, you still might enjoy it. On the plus side, Hoffman does a good job of describing the natural beauty of the river, the many challenges canoers face, and some of the nice people he meets up with along the way. On the negative side,

you'll probably get tired of his constant relating of how he and his son don't get along. It's never resolved, it doesn't seem to make any sense, and it definitely gets in the way of his describing the great adventure the two were on. Another oddity (and oddities are not that unusual in self-published efforts) are some of the extremely negative reactions he has with boaters - in particular multiple tugs and one Corps of Engineers boat that basically try to swamp him or run him over. There's never any real denouement or explanation of what seemed at the time to be extremely aggressive and illegal behavior.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Vivid Adventure
By Jill Bemis
A son and father canoe from the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Itasca State Park in northern Minnesota to Jackson Square Landing in New Orleans. Along the way, they encounter wildlife, eccentric river dwellers, extreme weather, insects, and terroristic tugboat captains. This well-written adventure makes you feel you were in the canoe with them and yet, thankful you were not.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An excellent paddling adventure
By G. Lauer
A friend referred me to "Mighty Miss", and I am eager to pass along the recommendation. This tale of a father-son canoeing adventure immediately captured my attention with an account of harrowing river currents. Danger is seemingly omnipresent and includes storms, malicious barge operators, infections, etc. There's a fascinating set of characters that inhabit the river ecosystem, each one more eccentric than the last. After reading the book, I was motivated to attend a presentation by the author at my local REI store. A great adventure story!

After hanging in mid-air for a split-second, our canoe drops hard. Immediate primal fears, heightened by expedition tensions and summer's heat, grip us. We are descending out of control and into the core of a forty-foot whirlpool. The bow bends as if to be ripped asunder. Did we cheat death on Winnie's six-foot waves in near-freezing waters and survive terrifying games of chicken played by towboat operators only to go down in a peril equal to Dante's inner circle? Mighty Miss edge-of-death experiences mingle with portraits of sandy beaches; a Robinson Crusoe island; magnificent sunrises; close-up encounters with loons making their evening call; slam dancing carp, lips pulsating to pass brethren mosh-pit style; and fishermen and faith-filled river people sharing intimate and uplifting stories. The ecstasy of nature's beauties and the excitement of survival make Mighty Miss a timeless and riveting Mississippi memoir.

About the Author
Gary brings over forty years of guiding canoe trips and story telling to Mighty Miss. He has been a Boy Scout Executive, Outward Bound Instructor, English teacher, Play Director and Minister before turning to writing.