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From Publishers Weekly It is 3810 miles from Three Forks, Mont. (source of the Missouri River, which flows into the Mississippi River in eastern Missouri) to the point where the Mississippi meets the Gulf of Mexico. In 1977 Francis, a lecturer in Paris, paddled his kayak the entire distance to raise funds for cancer research in England--and succeeded in setting a record for solo canoeing. The expedition was underfinanced and loosely organized; the estimated time of eight weeks stretched to five months, and the ok to delete? distracts from Francis's having canoed solo. ed five-man support team dwindled to three before he reached the Mississippi. Some of Francis's experiences were frightening: capsizing, a tornado, whirlpools, fog. Once he came ashore at night only to find that he had landed in a state penitentiary; on several occasions he missed connections with the team. Butcher, publicist for the expedition, arranged civic receptions in Omaha, St. Louis and New Orleans. The authors describe paddling the lower Mississippi as a death race through the shipping lanes; they conclude that the

beauty of the river is inseparable from its violence. Readers who enjoyed Jonathan Raban's *Old Glory* will like this yarn. Illustrations. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.