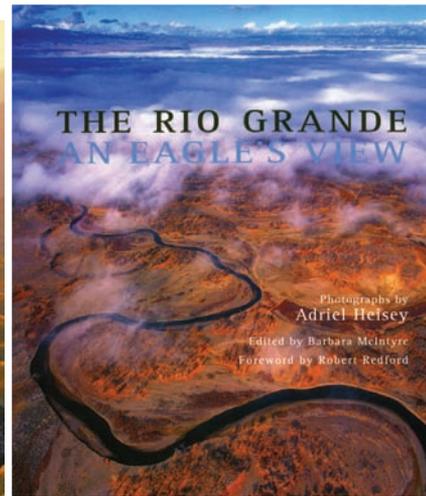


Bringing It Home Book Briefs

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In *The Rio Grande: An Eagle's View*, photographer Adriel Heisey captures aerial photographs of the waterway as it shapes the Southwest's arid landscape. The Río Grande is the third-longest river in the United States and the 20th longest in the world.

PHOTOGRAPHY

THE RIO GRANDE: An Eagle's View

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ADRIEL HEISEY,
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WildEarth Guardians
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From the environmental nonprofit group WildEarth Guardians, which protects and restores wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the Western United States, comes a photographic paean to the Río Grande. New Mexico photographer and pilot Adriel Heisey

traced the great river 1,900 miles from its headwaters in the San Juan Mountains of southern Colorado, through New Mexico and Texas, to its outpouring in the Gulf of Mexico. The soaring aerial photographs in this handsome coffee-table book capture the dynamic and fragile nature of this, the third-longest river in the United States and one of the most endangered. In the foreword, filmmaker and environmental advocate Robert Redford comments, "Most of the time, I suspect, we experience our great rivers as a passing glance from a car window, a flickering companion that, at a distance, decorates a riverside drive. As consoling as these moments might be, by comparison, Adriel's pictures offer the force of revelation."

From passages carved through mesas, to meanders through agricultural fields at first light, these images capture the many identities of this great river. But, as Redford comments and the book supports in its other accompanying text, "Photographs, however beautiful, can't surmount the Río Grande's many modern challenges. But they can show it's important that they be surmounted." All New Mexicans and friends of New Mexico would do well take this message to heart.