Rivers: A Visual History From River to Sea

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They say the Earth’s surface is seventy percent water. And yet, the history books often focus on what happens on the land. Rivers by Peter Goes focuses on rivers, steams, estuaries, oceans, and lakes. Each continent and its waters have their own stories, animals, politics, folklore, and landmarks. These are put to illustration in a fully-detailed picture atlas.

There are plenty of world books about the land and even some of the creatures of the sea and history. This book, however, is entirely focused on the water. It is an completely different take on the traditional atlas, and as such it is a fascinating read. This is a book you can pick up moments at a time and read snippets, then set back down on its place of honor on your coffee table. If you like this one, try Peter Goes’s other international best-selling book Timeline: A Visual History of Our World.