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# SO SAID THE RIVER

Life, Loss, and Pie on the Colorado

**“In *So Said The River*, life reflects the Colorado’s pure purpose, flowing in spite of all the obstacles on the journey. Hold on tight, this story is a transcendent adventure worth taking.”**

*-Dave Showalter,*

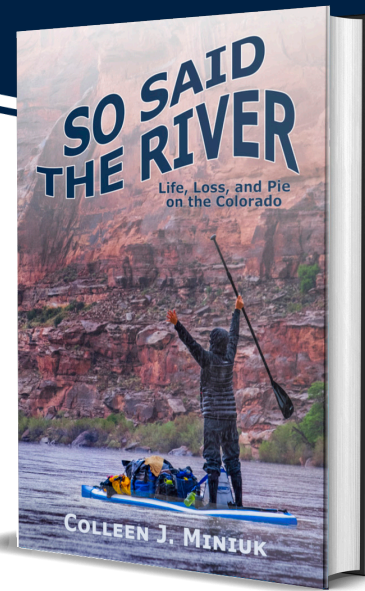
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For 40 years, Colleen Miniuk relentlessly pursued perfection, achievement, and success without finding happiness. Then she found herself unexpectedly facing the end of her marriage. To cope with the devastating loss, she and her mother, Jacque, attempted to paddle across Lake Powell, a reservoir along the Colorado River on the Utah-Arizona border. Like life, the trip did not go as planned.

**How do you find fulfillment, especially while navigating life’s hardships?  
How do you become a free-flowing river when you’ve run into an impeding dam and life tries to turn you into a reservoir?**

During her raw adventures on the Colorado from Moab to Lake Mead, Colleen challenges beliefs, confronts fears, and finds the courage to live deliberately and authentically. Out of the storms and rapids, she discovers that “happily ever after” sometimes looks different than what we have been told.

*So Said the River* shares one woman’s riveting journey of self-discovery that encourages others to create their own definition of success and inspires confidence in those who have chosen, or may choose, non-traditional ways to live one’s life. To live one’s life.



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