

On The River

By Roland Harvey

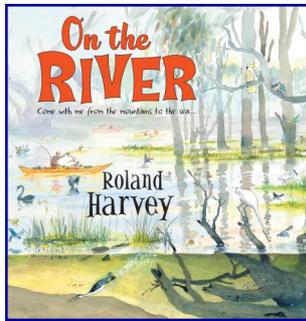
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Follow the mighty Murray River from the mountains to the sea on an epic journey with Roland Harvey and his pelican friend, in this glorious picture book full of humorous, intricate illustrations and fascinating information.

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Themes:

- The Murray River
- The river's secrets, history, ecology, people and animals

In the classroom:

Summary

On the River sings with beautiful watercolour depictions of life in, on and around the river. Roland Harvey and his new pelican friend are off on an adventure to walk, fish, canoe, raft, windsurf, sail, paddle-steam, houseboat and even fly their way along the Murray River, from its smallest beginnings in the high country to where it meets the sea.

On the River is about the Murray River, from top to bottom. The Murray River, in turn, is only a part of the bigger picture: the Murray-Darling Basin, which is a vast area draining a lot of Queensland, NSW, Victoria, ACT and South Australia. The system is vitally important to graziers, food growers and communities for drinking and domestic use, for irrigation, for hydro power, for recreation, for the health of the environment wildlife and habitat, and in earlier times, for transporting wool and produce to the cities and bringing supplies and labour to the bush.

- As a class, study the history of the Murray River and how and why it is so important to so many people and communities.

Activities for younger students:

- Make maps of the river and the surrounding areas.
- Draw birds and fish that you might find in and around the river.
- Draw diagrams showing the workings of locks, hydro, paddle steamers etc.
- Make a list of problems faced by river communities and environments.
- Make a list of things to do on and around the river.
- Make a list of things that are made and grown on the river.
- Design a houseboat.
- Make a poster of all the foods that grow along the river.