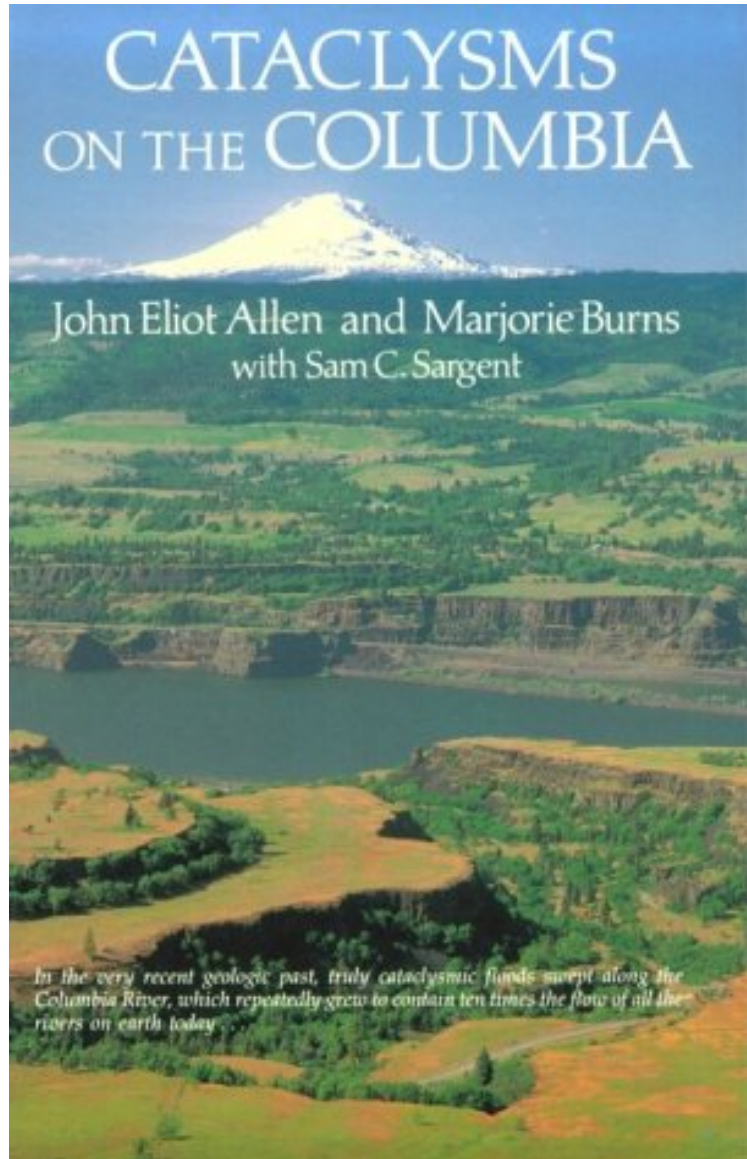


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John Logan Allen, Marjorie Burns, Sam Sargent : Cataclysms on the Columbia (Scenic Trips to the) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cataclysms on the Columbia (Scenic Trips to the):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Great Job of Explaining the Flood and Subsequent Creation of the Scablands By CJ's Pirate When it comes to the Channeled Scablands of Eastern Washington, I'm a bit of a fanatic. My family belongs to the Ice Age Floods Institute as well as Washington Trails Association and Rails to Trails. I am

truly fortunate to live in this area. These coulees are my stomping grounds. The blades are my scrambling hills. I'm spoiled by an abundant beauty that is found in only a few places on this planet. Cataclysms on the Columbia is one of many books I own pertaining to "Bretz' Flood". This book, like many others, describe the cataclysmic destruction of the flood and the carving of the many coulees and creation of Dry Falls, which, at the time it was "active" was nearly 10 times larger than Niagara Falls. For those who have marveled at Niagara imagine nine more, side by side. This book does a great job of explaining the flood and subsequent creation of the Scablands. It tells both a story and allows the reader knowledge of places to see and go to. The pictures are a tad lacking, but if you go, you can take your own. The writing, owing to the several authors is a bit choppy. The book moves but it doesn't "flow". No problem, I'll deal with that. It also helps me to understand what is said when several have relayed that bit of information. All in all, even though there's nothing really new in the book, this is a great book to have as a first and introduction to the area or an additional to augment a collection (such as I have). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This a great read, it focuses heavily on the Washington State ... By AndyG This a great read, it focuses heavily on the Washington State features. I personally preferred David Alt's book on the subject, if I were to read only one on the subject I would pick his, but I have read several books on the floods and I am a big Missoula Floods nerd. I like the revised edition with additional material by Dr. Scott Burns of Portland State, Scott's material really updates this classic. I hate must reads but this should be a must read for any Northwesterner who enjoys the outdoors or a geologist or pedologist or even someone who just likes a great detective story, with vast open spaces and mind blowing action. The book really comes to life if you travel the route of the Floods and stand in the immenseness of its features. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating, Well Written, Easy for the Lay Person Informative for the Scientist By Arlene Spencer This book was a pleasure to read. I'm currently doing research and frankly used to drab and technical writing. This book was neither. It is well written, allows for the person completely new to geology and geography to understand easily, without missing the facts. The book explains how the Missoula Floods' geographic remnants were discovered and then explains the discoveries, as others have noted here, in a format that allows the reader to use the book as a travel guide (if one wishes). He includes excellent images that explain the floods' movements and also show actual evidence in roadside sites right off of the highways one would travel to see the route of the great floods. I recommend this book.

The formation of the Grand Coulee remained a mystery for many years, until J Harlen Bretz proved that the Columbia River basin was the site of huge floods 15,000 years ago that created the landscape we see today.

The book also tells a human story as fascinating as the story of the flood. . . Entertaining and admirably clear. -- Margaret Donsbach "Friends of the Columbia River Gorge Bulletin" (09/01/1999)