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Rogue River Reading List

- Rogue River Feud, by Zane Grey (Penguin Books). This is an enlightening and easy to read book about water politics in the West. One of Zane Grey's lesser known books, the Rogue River Feud masterfully and beautifully describes the scenery and tranquility of the Rogue River. This is an excellent choice to bring with you into the river canyon. On each ROW departure we stop by Zane Grey's cabin (time permitting) along the river to gain a better understanding of exactly where he was while working through the Novel. A great book for any rafting or hiking journey in the Rogue River canyon.
- ❖ The Rogue River Guidebook: A comprehensive guide from Prospect to Gold Beach, by Matt Leidecker Matt Leidecker covers more than just the Wild and Scenic section. This guide contains detailed topographic maps, user friendly mile-by-mile text and photographs for one of the most popular, most beautiful, multi-day runs in the United States. This is an excellent book to carry with you on our guided trip. This book combines knowledge of where you're going with an understanding of the areas basic history and geography.
- ❖ The River Reader, by John A. Murray (The Lyons Press, 1998). A collection of writings that is composed of both classic selections and contemporary writings from twenty-two diverse writers that are devoted to a single environmental subject. It is the finest essays on rivers by Hemingway, Barry Lopez, Annie Dillard, and others.
- ❖ Illahe, by Kay Atwood. Illahe tells the captivating story of the miners, packers, farmers. And families who settled southern Oregon's rugged Rogue River Canyon in the 1860's. If you're a history buff this book is for you. Kay Atwood does a remarkable job of re-telling first had accounts from the early days in the canyon. She utilizes journals, diaries and interviews with decedents from those who originally journeyed into the unknown isolation that was the Rogue River Canyon. Feel the stories and emotions of floods, harsh winters and constant isolation as these people chose to make their home in this beautiful river wilderness. This is a great read right before a rafting trip down the Rogue River canyon.
- The Rogue, a River to Run, by Florence Arman with Glen Woolridge. Here is a spectacular book about THE Rogue River legend. Glen Woolridge started running the Rogue River in 1915 and was still running it into the 1980's. He was the first person to travel up the Rogue River from Gold Beach Oregon to Grants Pass Oregon in 1947. The next year he became the first person to travel up the Salmon River "river of no return" in Idaho from Riggins to Salmon. This book is a piece of history about a man who made history on the Rogue River. If you want to understand the sense of adventure that surrounds the Rogue River this is your book.

We hope you will enjoy one of these wonderful Rogue River books on this list. The books listed can be found online in printed or digital format.

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