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Editorial Review

Review

"**Kevin Fedarko's new brilliant work...** is the story about wilderness and the American mind, albeit an American mind juiced on Class V adrenaline... Perhaps because we sympathize so strongly with the characters of *The Emerald Mile*--thanks in no small part to Fedarko's flowing prose--you'll feel yourself lurching along with them on wooden boats, in ocher-hued canyons, beneath cobalt skies, into the frenzied thrashings of the Colorado river as the very landscape of the West attempts to choke it." (Mountain magazine)

"**The book is at its heart an engrossing meditation on the eternal struggle between man and nature.**" (Pittsburg Post-Gazette)

"Kevin Fedarko's **remarkable** *The Emerald Mile* re-creates an incredible voyage through the flood-swollen Grand Canyon in such heart-pounding detail that you need to pause every few pages to catch your breath... **He writes so vividly** that your favorite reading chair becomes a spray-soaked perch on a bucking boat hit hard by a river running high and fast." (Dallas Morning News)

"Crafting a tale as **graceful and powerful** as the natural wonder of which he writes... the book goes beyond your typical river porn, offering a wide appeal to everyone from history buffs and the Popular Mechanics set to environmentalists and outdoor enthusiasts. In fact, it would not be overblown to say *The Emerald Mile* deserved a spot on the bookshelf alongside such enduring classics as *Cadillac Desert*, *Desert Solitaire* and *Encounters with the Archdruid*. It's that good...Fedarko will have you poised on the edge of your seat like a high-sider at in Lava Falls." (Durango Telegraph)

"His **poetic and descriptive writing** should only brighten his accolades and helps his non-fiction book read like a fast-paced fiction adventure...It isn't necessary to be a history buff or whitewater expert to enjoy this story... With meticulous research, notes and epilogue, Fedarko tells a satisfying story that is quite an entertaining ride." (Deseret News)

"*The Emerald Mile* is the **rarest of creations--a magical convergence of words and paper, wood and water, rock and sky, human character and cosmic caprice**. Can an adventure story be as beautiful as it is heart-stopping and exciting? This one is, and Fedarko's book is as inspiring as a dory itself, flying down a wild river. I have no doubt it will become an instant classic, a timeless chronicle of what can still be legitimately called the American spirit." (Bob Shacochis author of *Swimming in the Volcano* and *Easy in the Islands*)

"Fedarko's effortlessly engaging narrative... is a labor of passion from an adventurous journalist who still calls the Grand Canyon home." (Boulder Weekly)

"**Powerful and poetic passages** put readers inside the adventurers' boats, even if they have only ever imagined the Grand Canyon or seen it in pictures... an epic-sized true-life adventure tale that appeals to both the heart and the head." (Kirkus)

"Kevin Fedarko's **magnificent** book covers a lot of ground -- and water... So it is a great boon of Fedarko's book that he tells the story of the dam, and of the engineers and technicians who built it... with as much respect and homage as he gives to the dorymen." (Cleveland Plain-Dealer)

"Grua's wild ride on the Colorado, how it mirrored his mercurial personality, is just on part of Fedarko's story; however, the river, which runs through seven states, and the canyon, rich in both geological and political history, prove to be the real protagonists." (Publisher's Weekly)

"From the bottom of our planet's most awesome landscape, Kevin **Fedarko has found and rescued a great American tall tale that just happens to be true.** As a boatman, Fedarko knows this world intimately. As a writer, he'll make you understand it, savor it, and ultimately love it as you never have before. Here is an instant classic of adventure literature—a story shot through with bravura but also touched by the rarest kind of grandeur." (Hampton Sides editor-at-large at *Outside* magazine and author of *Blood and Thunder* and *Ghost Soldiers*)

About the Author

Kevin Fedarko lives in northern New Mexico and works as a part-time river guide in Grand Canyon National Park. In addition to his travel narratives in *Outside*, where he worked as a senior editor, Fedarko's work has appeared in *Esquire*, *National Geographic Adventure*, and other publications and has been anthologized in *The Best American Travel Writing* in 2004 and 2006. Fedarko was a staff writer at *Time* magazine from 1991 to 1997, where his work helped garner an Overseas Press Club Award for a story on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Fedarko earned a Master of Philosophy in Russian history at Oxford in 1990.

Paul Michael Garcia, an AudioFile Earphones Award winner and former company member of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, received his classical training in theater from Southern Oregon University, where he worked as an actor, director, and designer.

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