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The journey of a river from source to end has a natural story shape. This allows the creators of this picture book to provide a sense of an entire process. The fast moving and poetic narrative brings across the variety and movement of the river at each stage and provides children with a good context from which to understand the technical terms in the annotated diagram at the end of the book. So, for example, wonderful images bring across the dynamic movement of the water - 'scooping up earth, digging out stones, mining the mountains, wearing down' - and prepare children for the concept of erosion. The exceptionally fine illustrations capture the life and interest of the changing river and will encourage reflection and talk. Each section, introduced by a heading in large print, covers concepts and ideas which could be developed further by the teacher: examples include currents, mudflats and river traffic. The book would be an exciting starting point for work in geography, science or English.

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