

About the Author



DR. LARRY N. CAMPBELL spent his professional career working as a professor in mathematics and mathematics education, split equally (17 years each) between the College of the Ozarks near Branson, Missouri and Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.

He retired – in stages - from MSU between 2012 and 2014, and, since then he has been running AfterMath Enterprises, LLC, an umbrella organization for all the activities in which he is engaged. Besides doing talks, programs and workshops for civic/community groups and schools, he also puts out a (free) photo/sharing e-mail blog which combines his photography hobby with several other Monday morning brighteners and tidbits for the week. He also writes a bi-weekly educational column for the *Springfield News-Leader* in Springfield. (His first book of collected columns, entitled *Spitballs from the Back Row*, will appear in December 2017.)

During the extended summer of 2016, he added the terms ‘explorer’ and ‘adventurer’ to his resume. He set out on a seven-week journey, following the Missouri River (by car) from its source in Three Forks, Montana, to where it ends near St. Louis, Missouri. That adventure resulted in this book.

Larry and his wife Pat live in Branson. They have two grown children, Christi and Adam.



With a mathematician's attention to detail, an adventurer's insatiable curiosity and his own unassuming, friendly and open way of meeting the world, Larry Campbell is the perfect person for a journey like this. ... Let yourself settle in and enjoy this information-packed and yet lighthearted exploration of the Missouri River and her people.

— Gayle Harper, *Travel Photographer and Writer; Author of Roadtrip with a Raindrop: 90 Days Along the Mississippi*

I did not know what a good ... story-teller (Larry Campbell) would be, but everything flows like the Missouri River on a summer day. ... Grab this book, a comfortable chair, and a drink of your choice and become an Armchair Traveler. Read the stories, admire the beautiful photography, then plan *your* dream trip.

— Beverly Hinds, President of the Middle Missouri River Lewis and Clark Network

What's not to like about a colorful and entertaining recount of an incredible adventure that I honestly wish I had thought to undertake! ... From castles and cathedrals in remote locales to dog statues and kind locals who opened their world to Campbell, the vignettes are lively and poignant. Campbell presents a comfortable story telling style ... he ties together the power and glory of nature with the hope of human beings.

— Todd Parnell, author of *The Buffalo, Ben, and Me*; Past President Drury College in Springfield, Missouri

The beautiful photography and descriptive passages of the people he met along the way added to the local color and flavor and kept my interest. Larry Campbell did much more than just tell the history of the ‘Mighty Mo.’ He actually took me with him on his adventure.

— Sunny Hannum, Fort Pierre (S.D.) Development Corporation



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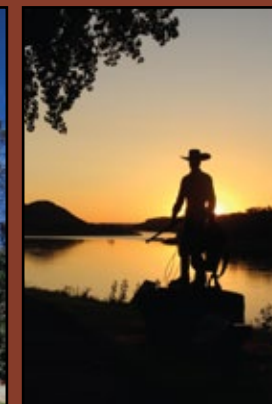
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IT STARTED WITH AN inherited idea and ended with an amazing roadtrip!

Having learned of a similar trip taken on the Mississippi River by Gayle Harper, described in her 2014 book *Roadtrip with a Raindrop* (Acclaim Press), author Larry Campbell remembers thinking, “what a neat idea—wouldn’t that be fun to do on the Missouri?!” The thought simply would not go away, and, within a few months, he knew he must pursue this new dream.

During the summer of 2016, therefore, Larry set out from Three Forks, Montana, and followed the Missouri River (by car) from its source all the way through seven states of the Upper Midwest and Midwest to its majestic confluence with the Mississippi River near St. Louis.

Join Larry as he revisits his magnificent adventure through pictures and stories of the River, its life, and its culture.

Experience the breathtaking scenery that adorns the 2,341-mile path of the River. Visit the historical sites along the River—many marking the exploration of Lewis and Clark more than two centuries ago. Visit the various ‘river cities’—both large and small—along the way.

And finally, meet the fantastic hosts and colorful personalities the author encountered and befriended during what he called “the trip of a lifetime on what is arguably the most unique river in the world!”

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