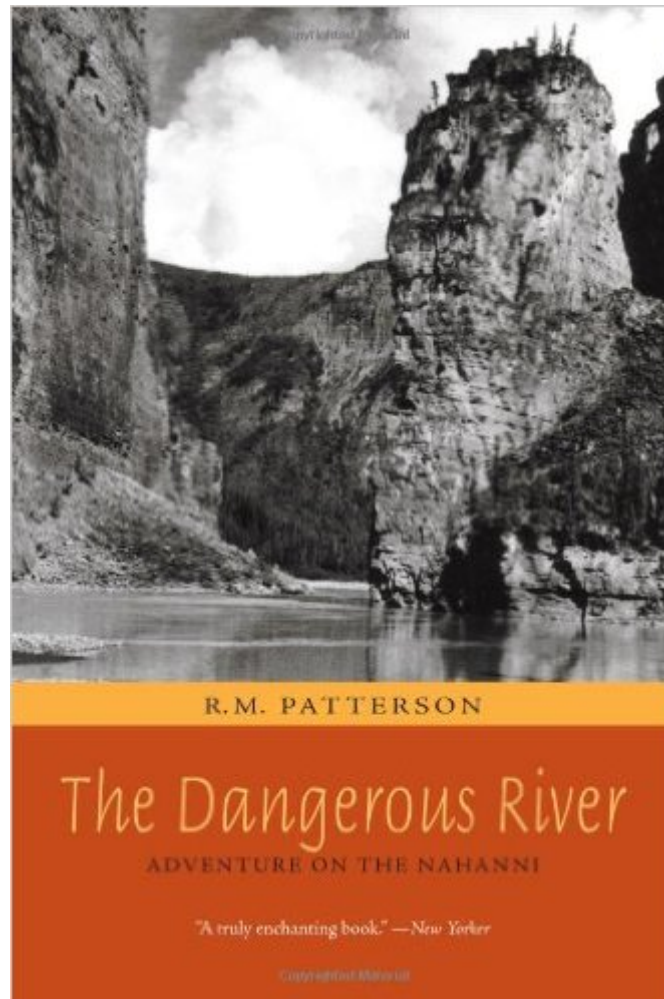


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# The Dangerous River: Adventure On The Nahanni



## Synopsis

Written with R. M. Patterson's characteristic sharp wit and observation, this classic tale chronicles the year he spent battling frigid temperatures and wild waters along the Nahanni River in Canada's Northwest Territories. Patterson originally travelled to the North with hopes of finding gold, and clues to the mysterious disappearance of earlier prospectors. Instead, he fell in love with the landscape, and through his meticulously recorded journals and hauntingly beautiful photographs he introduced the now-famous Nahanni River to the world. Patterson's bestselling first book is now back in print and ready to take readers down the treacherous and challenging waters of the Nahanni River once again.

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Immigrating from Los Angeles to Edmonton, Alberta in the early 70s I traded in my "Easy Rider" chopper for two things---a pair of ice skates and a beautiful sixteen foot wood and canvass canoe. In two years I was proficient at both and looking for the ultimate wilderness canoe adventure. I initially pondered the mighty Mackenzie running over a 1000 miles from The Great Slave Lake to the Arctic---until, that is, I happened upon Ray Patterson's chronicles of the mysterious Nahanni. I had my destination. I practiced on local rivers--running rapids, portaging and lining my canoe downstream through unnavigatable rapids--I was astounded to read how Patterson canoed hundreds of miles upriver!!!! to get to his cabin-- and he lined his canoe, upriver, with one arm, the other clinging to the shear walls of some 1000 foot canyon wall. I'll never forget his day by day description of how he passed the frigid winter-- holed up in his cabin in the 24 hour a day

darkness--making mitts, shoes and hat from the fur of a bear he had shot, writing in his diary under a candle he'd made from the bears' fat, occasionally venturing outside to check his trap lines--once falling through river ice, somehow crawling out and up onto land under a 60 below fahrenheit sky--quickly peeling every shred of sodden clothing off knowing he had but a few minutes to make a fire before he'd be solid as a board. I studied every line of Pattersons' book in preparation. Finally, two years later, I pushed my canoe, filled with fright and apprehension, into the Nahanni after a bush plane lift to Rabbit Kettle Falls with my 12 year old stepson. We were the first to attempt the river in an uncovered canoe.

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