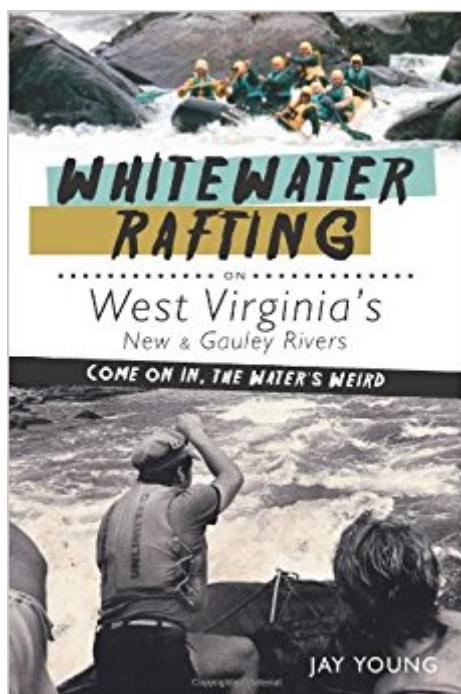


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# Whitewater Rafting On West Virginia's New & Gauley Rivers:: Come On In, The Water's Weird (Sports)



## **Synopsis**

A certain mixture of whimsy and derring-do is required to shove off down (or up) the New or Gauley River with scant protection aside from a helmet, life vest and one's compatriots. It's a choice that could be so easily avoided, but that wouldn't make sense to the proud and colorful characters who have long been shooting these rapids, some of the most popular and treacherous in the country. Here, Jay Young, a raft guide turned writer, leads readers through the local lore and history of the rivers, where--much to the delight of those brave enough to face these rapids--the ordinary almost never occurs.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Jay Young has lived in the New River Gorge area for five years and worked as a whitewater guide for three of them. When he's not running rivers or climbing rocks, he's a freelance writer in nearby Fayetteville and is closely connected to the local rafting community. He says, "My time on the back of a raft left me with a profound appreciation for the quirkiness of this sport, this industry and the people who ply it. (We're talking boatloads of quirk here.)"

Although I was born and raised in that part of West Virginia where the New and Gauley rivers are located I was vaguely aware of the whitewater each of the beautiful rivers contained, oh we floated Some of the New on fishing trips which would last for up to a week, but when I was growing up back then (50's and early 60's) running the Rapids on those rivers was unheard of and after I left home to

join the military in 1964 all of this completely left my mind for I was off to see the world, the subject of running the New an Gauley didn't surface again until probably 1989-90 when a group of people I was working with mentioned going up to West Virginia to run some Rapids when I ask where they were going they said "Fayette Station" ,but that's another story,I purchased Jay's book Because I felt that I could an would learn something about that phenomenon that swept my home state back years ago and to a certain extent is continuing today ,I wasn't disappointed it's an excellent read,one which once started is hard to put down !!!!

Short and easy to read - but very interesting history of the New and Gauley Rivers. Lots of pics as well. I enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone.

Great Book. Very informative. Originally bought it to get technical advice on the New. Instead it is more of a history lesson. Still a very interesting read.

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