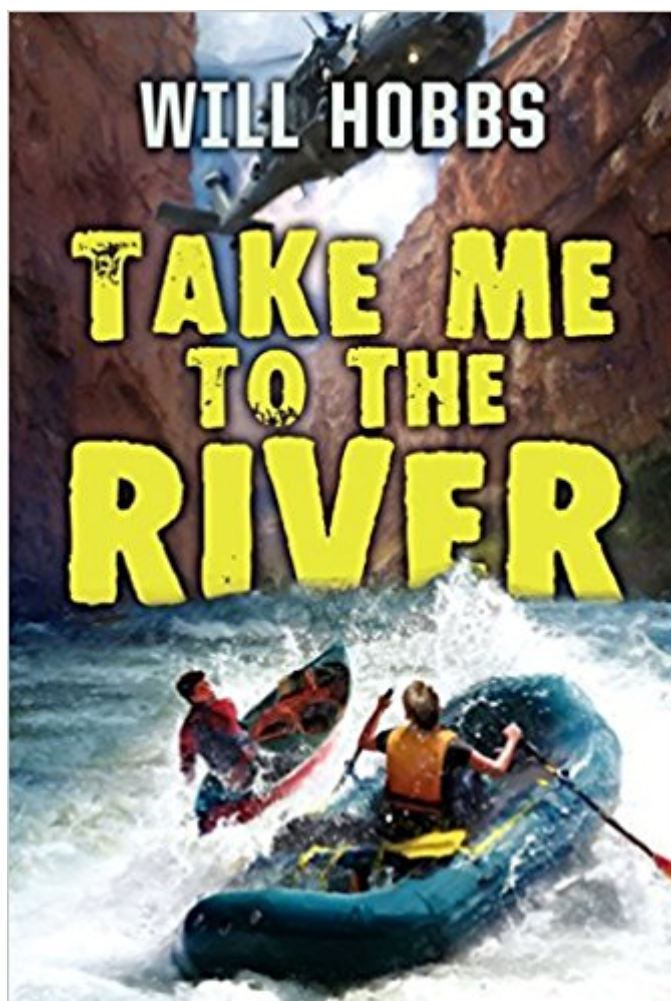


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# Take Me To The River



## Synopsis

Deep in trouble, deep in the canyons Fourteen-year-old Dylan Sands has come all the way to the Big Bend on the Texas-Mexico border to paddle the fabled Rio Grande with his cousin Rio. As the boys are packing their raft and canoe for ten days in the canyons, six Black Hawk helicopters appear overhead and race across the river into Mexico. The Army warns them that a hurricane is approaching the coast. Convinced themselves that their chances of running into a storm are slim, Dylan and Rio launch onto the wildest and most remote waters in the Southwest. Downriver, a man appears with a seven-year-old boy, begging for help . . . and the storm is upon them. Danger, suspense, and the ever-looming troubles in Mexico drive this white-knuckle adventure forward at a breakneck pace.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

## Customer Reviews

Fourteen-year-old Dylan arrives in a West Texas ghost town to meet his uncle and his cousin Rio for a canoe trip down the Rio Grande. Though his uncle has left for Alaska, he and Rio undertake the hazardous journey on their own. Dylan has barely learned to deal with scorpions when a hurricane bears down on the region, and a ruthless Mexican kidnapper demands a ride downriver for himself and the boy he holds captive. The cousins' growing bond and quick wits become as

important as their ability to maneuver treacherous waters. Narrated by Dylan, the story unfolds in a disarming manner. The pace is quick, and the challenges are relentless, but the writing is so grounded in physical details and emotional realism that every turn of events seems convincing within the context of the story. A double-page map enables readers to trace the boys' journey along the Rio Grande. An exciting adventure story in an unusual setting. Grades 5-8. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Will Hobbs is the award-winning author of nineteen novels, including *Far North*, *Crossing the Wire*, and *Take Me to the River*. *Never Say Die* began with the author's eleven-day raft trip in 2003 down the Firth River on the north slope of Canada's Yukon Territory. Ever since, Will has been closely following what scientists and Native hunters are reporting about climate change in the Arctic. When the first grolar bear turned up in the Canadian Arctic, he began to imagine one in a story set on the Firth River. A graduate of Stanford University, Will lives with his wife, Jean, in Durango, Colorado.

I ordered this book for my Library because it was on a reading list for a Competition held at our local public library and I needed more copies of it. The story is great and I think the kids are really going to like this adventure. Dylan and his cousin Rio head down the river on a multi-day trip. Little did they know what awaited them! Adventure, a criminal and his hostage, an approaching hurricane! Wow!! Hold onto your paddle!

I am a 65 year old Will Hobbs fan. I started reading his book, because I wanted to learn to be a children's author. I continue to read them, because I love them. I read a lot of non-fiction and these books for me are the perfect light reading. I love the spots he choses for his stories, I love his story lines. I love the amount of history and science in these books that I can always count on to be accurate. This particular book is one of my favorites. Good plot, very current topic. Loved it.

*Take Me to the River* scores another triumph for popular middle school fiction author Will Hobbs. He sets the story in white water rafting territory near the Rio Grande of Texas, and imbues it with local color that kids who love the details of authenticity will soak right up! Two young teens make some choices that most parents would not approve of; this provides the drama of the plot. We have an absentee parent who is also a single parent, combining a situation in which many present-day kids find themselves with a situation in which they WISH they might find themselves! You like and root

for these kids, root against the bad guy, and perhaps even pick up some sports information and historical lore. A solid choice, especially for boys. (Yes, its' true; some books ARE more male-oreinted!)

Great book. Read this one aloud and now my 13 year old is a Will Hobbs fan.

Great adventure book for boys ages 12-13. Both my son and I enjoyed reading this book.

My 3rd grade daughter was assigned this book. The story was well written, but the content was not appropriate for her age level.

I am from the area where this book takes place, and it was fun reading about all the places and people that I know. I have canoed all off what he wrote about and I can say he did excellent research. Plus it was a fun story. Definitely appropriate for a 10+ year old.

Will Hobbs never lets you down, love his books.

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