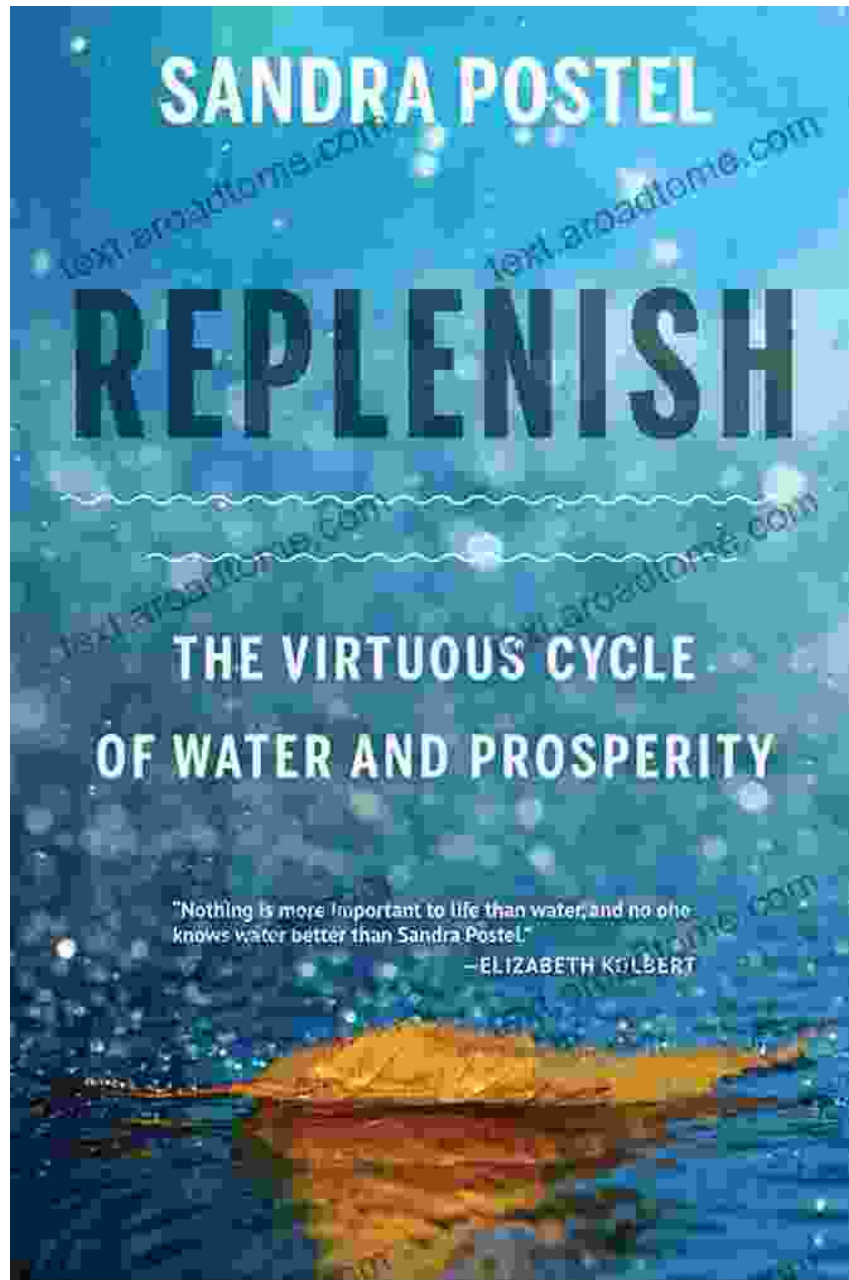


Meander: Making Room for Rivers — A Masterpiece of Nature and Engineering

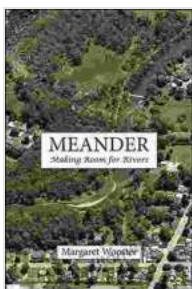


Experience the Serpentine Beauty of Rivers and the Profound Impact of Giving Them Space

In the pages of "Meander: Making Room for Rivers," Sandra Postel and Emily Postel present a captivating journey into the world of rivers and the transformative power of restoring their natural meanders. This meticulously researched and beautifully illustrated book offers a comprehensive exploration of the benefits of allowing rivers to reclaim their sinuous paths, a practice known as "meandering."

Unveiling the Ecological Treasures of Meandering Rivers

Meandering rivers are not simply aesthetic wonders; they are vibrant ecosystems teeming with life. The sinuous curves and oxbows create diverse habitats for fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Riverbanks lined with native vegetation provide shelter, shade, and food sources, fostering biodiversity and resilience.



Meander: Making Room for Rivers (Excelsior Editions)

by Margaret Wooster

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Furthermore, meandering rivers enhance water quality by filtering pollutants and slowing down the flow, allowing sediments to settle out. This process reduces turbidity and creates clearer, healthier water for both aquatic life and human communities.

The Human-River Connection: A Deeper Understanding

Beyond their ecological significance, meandering rivers have a profound impact on human societies. They provide essential water resources for drinking, irrigation, and industry. Floodplains created by meanders act as natural buffers, protecting communities from flooding and erosion.

Moreover, meandering rivers offer recreational opportunities such as fishing, boating, and birdwatching. They enhance the aesthetic value of landscapes, providing scenic vistas and tranquil retreats for nature enthusiasts.

Engineering with Nature: Restoring Meanders for a Sustainable Future

"Meander" delves into the innovative approaches being taken worldwide to restore meandering rivers and revitalize degraded ecosystems. Case studies from countries such as the United States, Europe, and Australia demonstrate how meandering can transform rivers, improve water quality, mitigate flooding, and enhance biodiversity.

The book explores the engineering techniques used to create meanders, such as reconnecting floodplains, installing engineered log jams, and constructing artificial bends. These techniques aim to mimic natural processes while considering site-specific conditions and maximizing ecological benefits.

A Call to Embrace the Power of Meandering

"Meander: Making Room for Rivers" serves as an urgent call to action. It advocates for a shift away from traditional river management practices that have often prioritized flood control and navigation at the expense of river

health. The authors argue that embracing meandering is essential for a sustainable future where rivers can continue to provide their invaluable ecological, economic, and social benefits.

Exclusive Interviews with Leading Experts

Enriching the book are exclusive interviews with leading scientists, engineers, and conservationists involved in river restoration projects around the world. These experts share their insights, experiences, and visions for a future where meandering rivers thrive.

Stunning Photography and Informative Illustrations

"Meander" captivates readers with its breathtaking photography and informative illustrations. Aerial shots of meandering rivers showcase their intricate beauty, while detailed diagrams and graphs illustrate the ecological and engineering principles behind meandering.

Reviews and Endorsements

"Meander is a masterpiece of science writing and advocacy. Sandra and Emily Postel have created an essential guide to understanding the importance of meandering rivers. This book will inspire a new generation of river stewards."

—Bill McKibben, author of "Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?"

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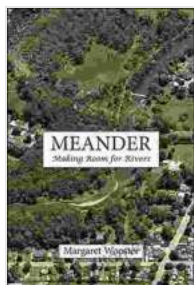
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