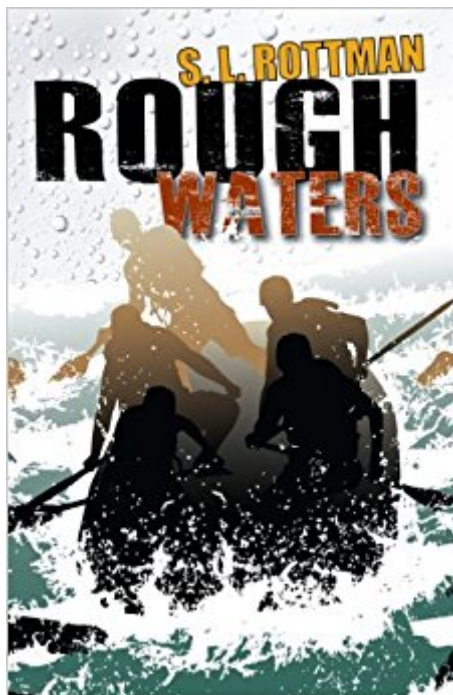


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Rough Waters



Synopsis

When their parents are killed in a car accident, Scott and his brother Gregg are sent to live with an uncle they never knew they had. Hurt, angry, and confused, they leave a comfortable life in the California suburbs and head to the remote Colorado Rockies, where their uncle runs a white-water rafting company. Scott, forced to confront his loss and face an uncertain future, determines to make the best of a difficult situation. But his brother Gregg, burying his grief deep inside, begins to drift away from the only family he has left. As they become acquainted with the power and unpredictability of the river and begin to learn the skills of maneuvering the rapids, the brothers discover that it is harder than they ever dreamed to master the art of survival both on and off the water.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 7 Up-Scott, 15, and his older brother Gregg are sent to live with their Uncle Rocky, whom they never knew existed, after their parents are killed in an automobile accident. Gregg plans to begin college soon and does not want to move from Los Angeles to rural Colorado. He is angry, rude, and uncommunicative. To make matters worse, Rocky is struggling to make a success of his river-rafting company and insists that his nephews work for him. Both boys come to enjoy the rafting

experience. Scott tries hard to have a good attitude, but Gregg becomes increasingly difficult, making the wrong kinds of friends and drinking too much. He resents his uncle, and Scott is placed in the middle of their serious arguments. When Gregg makes an irresponsible and life-threatening choice, he comes to realize that the way he deals with his unhappiness affects both his brother and his uncle. Scott, the first-person narrator, is a well-developed character with intelligence and independence and just a touch of rebellion. The other characters are also believable, although Gregg's behavior often seems slightly exaggerated. Packed with details about rafting, *Rough Waters* will excite some readers and perhaps bore others. However, much of the information is needed in order to understand the dangers of this sport and the plot. With the thrill of the rapids, realistic family dynamics, a little romance, and likable characters, this book is a great read. Elisabeth Palmer Abarbanel, Brentwood School, Los Angeles Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr. 7⁺-12. The trauma of facing their parents' deaths is only compounded for Gregg and Scott when they're forced to move in with their estranged uncle, whom they know only as a painful memory from their father's past. Desperate for stability, 15-year-old Scott struggles to work through his grief and make the best of life in Colorado, where their uncle Rocky has the boys help with his white-water rafting business. Unfortunately, Gregg, 17, adds only resentment to his grief, making life miserable for all three and eventually triggering a tragic mishap on the rapids. Driven mostly by dialogue, the plot moves briskly, snaking its way through various subplots that include young love, drug abuse, and criminal misconduct. Amid the continuously unfolding drama emerges the story of Rocky's tumultuous past with his late brother, finally providing Scott the key to accepting his loss and finding hope for a future with the only family he has left. Roger Leslie --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Good book. Age appropriate.

Review: *Rough Waters* by S.L. Rottman 5 STARS *Rough Waters* made me feel! I was so invested into Scott. Got really angry at Roger. Wanted to tell Greg off and to grow up. I cried in a few places too. I did not put the book down till I had finished reading it. In the end I wanted to go on a rafting trip again. The book starts with Scott and Greg trying to go through all their possessions decide what they wanted keep, sell or donate. Their parents having both died in a car crash. They had no seatbelts on and no money left by the time all the expenses and loans are paid for. Greg had 3

months before he turned 18. Had enough to pay one year of college then he did not know what would happen. Scott was 15 he had good grades and time to earn scholarships for college. They grew up in California. Now they had to go to Colorado and live with a Uncle they never knew they had. Thier neighbor was helping them pack and was willing to store somethings for them. Scott would rather stay with her. But thier parents made a will 15 years early and made thier Uncle thier guardian. Thier Uncle said they could come live with them but not to bring much because he has a real small house. No one was thier to meet the plane and when they called collect he refused to take the call and said someone would be by to pick them up soon. When they got to thier Uncle Rocky's he stopped by to welcome them and told them that they could work for him. He would train Greg to be a river guide when he was 18 he would get paid more. They would share a bedroom and with two twin beds and two dressers was pretty much all the room. Greg resented having to live by Rocky's few rules. He did like the river runs and got along great with Roger who was training him. Scott was willing to give Rocky a chance. Greg not so much. I would read more books like this one. I was given this ebook to read in exchange for honest review from Netgalley. 05/01/2012 PUB Peachtree Publishers

I recommend this book to any teenager or adult. It is generally a good book that teaches good morals. There are many conflicts and solutions in this book that make it fun to read simply because of the way the characters have different ways of handling them. You could also say that it is somewhat educational, as the author really knows what he's talking about when it comes to rafting. This reinforces the story and makes it more interesting than if the author didn't know anything about it. For example, "Well that's a matter of opinion. One reason people really enjoy paddle boats is because they're directly involved with the rafting. They help control where the raft goes. The success of the trip depends on each paddler doing his or her best. It's more of a personal challenge." Many people should like this book since it doesn't really have any boring spots like other books do. It proves to be a really a very fun book to read. For example there are some obnoxious things that the characters do to each other during the story, which can prove to be quite funny. "Hey Scotty, wake up!", "Get off me" Scott shouted to his brother. Also, you will be very surprised with the outcome of the story at the end of the book.

...it's just that the book was kind of cliché. Gregg especially. His parents die and he reacts by drinking, smoking, using drugs, and keeping bad company. It reminded me of one of those sappy 1930s movies. And the ending didn't ring true. Gregg put his entire family and his friends in mortal

danger, and one of them is most likely dead as a result of his actions, and he showed not one iota of remorse or regret. Then his good old Uncle Rocky has a talk with him and suddenly he's normal again. It didn't make sense -- Rocky has tried to talk to Gregg many times and Gregg never listened before; why should he do so now? Scott on the other hand was a little too good to be true. The only "bad" thing he did in the entire book was go to that party with his girlfriend and drink underage, and it was only about half a glass. I could definately see where Gregg was coming from when he called Scott a goody-goody. But despite my criticisms here, I did like the book. The rafting scenes in particular were very good. I just wish the author could have rounded out the characters a bit more.

I read *Rough Waters*; it is an ok book, but not the best that I have read. I would highly recommend this book to any one that enjoys adventure. The book starts out with the main characters, Scott and his older brother Gregg; have to move to Colorado to live with an uncle they never knew they had. Their uncle owns his own rafting company on the Arkansas River. At first life is a little rough because they are still trying to get over their parents death. As it goes most things get better in life, this story gets better for the most part. Scott is left out by his brother because he is a lot younger than Gregg. One day during the summer Scott goes exploring in the back yard. He finds an old bike in a shed. Scott decides to go into town on the rickety old bike. In town he goes to the library because he is kind of a bookworm. At the library he meets a girl!! That is all I'm going to tell you about the book. If it sounds interesting to you, read it. I liked it; it takes a really good book to do that because I don't ever read. This is a really good book, ~ENJOY~!!!!!!!

My sons LOVE this book. The tragedy of losing parents would definitely be a terrible ordeal. Rottman connects with the boys and finds a way to hook the reader into wanting to follow these two boys as they suffer through the loss. Rottman has true insight into the minds of young boys and such empathy. What an awesome read for 6-9th grade readers.

My Review: 5 stars *Rough Waters* was a very fast, very awesomeness book to read! If you love adventures and the outdoors then this is the book for you! This book is great for middle grade. It was an easy to read and follow book!"*I received a copy of this book for free to review from Crossroad Tours, this in no way influenced my review, all opinions are 100% honest and my own."See more at [...]

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