

River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers

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Gail Karwoski: 2009 Georgia Author of the Year, Picture Books, for *River Beds*



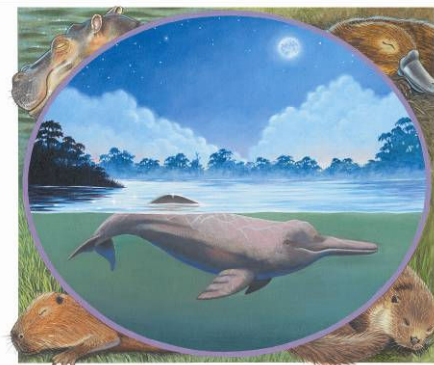
"The lapping of river waters gently pulls readers and listeners into this delightful and informative tale about how mammals sleep in or near the rivers. Wistful illustrations allow viewers to become the child who learns about the mammals as he floats beside them in the rivers." - *Children's Literature Comprehensive Database*

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"Animals that are familiar to youngsters such as otters, dolphins, hippos, and beavers are featured alongside rare mammals like the capybara, the water vole and the platypus. Readers not only learn where the animals sleep, but also how they drift off to sleep. Before drifting off to sleep, readers can also travel to each of the continents and dream peacefully of fellow mammals snuggling in their beds." - *ForeWord Magazine*

What would it be like to dream by a stream?

River Beds takes readers on an around-the-world boat ride to learn how mammals sleep in or around nine major rivers of the world on all continents except Antarctica. Row down the Mississippi and watch two river otters slip into a hollow tree, or look to the bank of the Brisbane River as a platypus pops into a hole and disappears into a narrow tunnel. Told in a soothing style, this book serves a bedtime/naptime story for younger children or an animal geography book for older readers. Adults may learn something, too!



Free online resources and support for the book at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com include:

- o For Creative Minds (FCM) as seen in the book:
 - Animal Adaptation Matching Activity (Animals include: Asian Short-Clawed Otter, Beaver, Boto Dolphin, Capybara, Hippopotamus, Indus River Dolphin, Mink, Platypus, River Otter, Water Vole)
 - River Map Activities
- o Teaching Activities:
 - Before and After Reading Questions, Language Arts, Science, Math, Geography, Coloring Pages
- o Comprehension Quizzes: Text, FCM, & Math
- o English and Spanish audio
- o Related Websites
- o Aligned to National and State Science and Math Standards
- o Accelerated Reader, Lexile, and Reading Counts Levels

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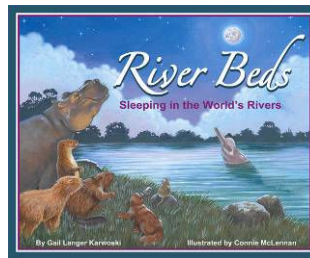
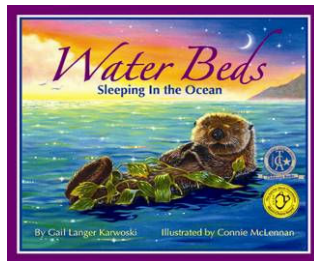
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About the Author and Illustrator



Gail Langer Karwoski is an award-winning children's book writer. *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers* is a sequel to *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* (Mom's Choice Best Children's Picture Book Author for 2005 and *Learning Magazine's* 2007 Teachers' Choice Award for Children's Books). Gail has also written *Julie the Rockhound* for Sylvan Dell as well as six other books for young readers, including *Tsunami: The True Story of an April Fool's Day Disaster* and *Quake! Disaster in San Francisco, 1905*. Gail and her husband live near the University of Georgia and have two bossy cats and two grown daughters. To learn more about Gail, visit her Web site, www.gailkarwoski.com.

Connie McLennan has been a successful freelance artist for almost 25 years since attending the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. In addition to illustrating *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*, *The Rainforest Grew All Around*, *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* and *Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud* for Sylvan Dell, she also illustrated *The Wishing Tree* and *Domitila*. Connie has illustrated numerous textbooks and has provided illustrations for children's books and magazines for Harcourt; Holt, Reinhart & Winston; Scott Foresman; Scholastic; and Weekly Reader. In addition to her various illustrations, Connie has done numerous advertising projects. Connie lives with her husband and teenage son to northern California. To learn more about Connie, visit her Web site, <http://www.conniemclennan.com/>.



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