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Down the Wild Cape Fear

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This book invites readers onto the fabled waters of the Cape Fear River and guides them on the 200-mile voyage from the confluence of the Deep and Haw Rivers at Mermaid Point all the way to the Cape of Fear on Bald Head Island. Accompanying the author by canoe and powerboat are a cadre of people passionate about the river, among them a river guide, a photographer, a biologist, a river keeper, and a boat captain. Historical voices also lend their wisdom to our understanding of this river, which has been a main artery of commerce, culture, settlement, and war for the entire region since it was first discovered by Verrazzano in 1524. The author explores the myriad environmental and political issues being played out along the waters of the Cape Fear. These include commerce and environmental stewardship, wilderness and development, suburban sprawl and the decline and renaissance of inner cities, and private rights versus the public good.

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The Cycadia Cemetery in Tarpon Springs, Florida, is known for its unusual gravesites. Founded in 1886, it was deeded to Tarpon Springs in 1946 and remains under the city's administration until today. The cemetery is notable for the presence of sponge divers and boat captains on its grounds. The overall presence of Greeks at Cycadia reflects their demographic standing along the Gulf Coast of Florida. Aside from tombstones, gravesites are demarcated using a number of other means,

such as granite or marble, iron-work fences, and marble posts with chains.