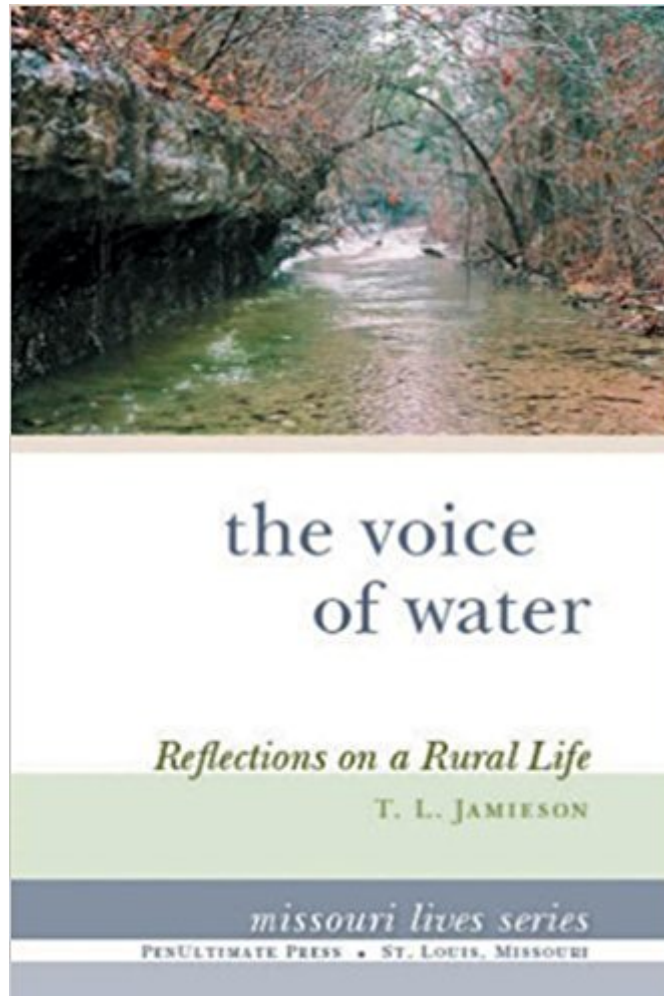




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The Voice Of Water: Reflections On A Rural Life (Missouri Lives Series)



Synopsis

A Missouri writer and journalist's reflections reveal the natural beauty of the rural Ozarks as the balm for healing familial wounds.

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Customer Reviews

In *The Voice of Water* T.L. Jamieson unfolds an album of memories to bring us along on his journey to adulthood. His chronological vignettes reveal a childhood marred by family discord—a conflict characterized by abuse and alcoholism. Jamieson describes how he finds, in the natural beauty of the Ozarks, a healing balm for emotional pain. Water is a particular source of solace for him. And it's by means of the calming property of water, the physical act of running—the vehicle by which he experiences the rural landscape, and the life lessons he acquires through several key relationships that he is able to mend old wounds and restore broken bonds.

T. L. Jamieson has spent much of his life working in secondary and postsecondary education. He writes about and photographs the Ozark landscape, and his work has appeared in regional publications. He and his family reside in Southwest Missouri, and he spends his free time roaming the Ozark National Forest. He holds degrees from Arkansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and the University of Missouri.

This book was as honest and reflective as an author can get. It is a well written narrative of the author's life from childhood to adult life. It contains many poignant and descriptive vignettes that put

you right along side as this young, driven boy becomes a man that his family can be proud of. His reflections of his rural upbringing leave nothing to the imagination and if you listen closely you might even hear the bullfrogs and whippoorwills along the creek that was the source of solitude for the author.

A fantastic read. Terry brings you with him on his journey to becoming a man growing up in the Ozarks. You are there with him in his struggles and his triumphs. The way in which Terry writes instantly paint a picture of the environment around him. You can almost feel the cool water of the creek flowing past your legs and can imagine the life that scurries and swims within it. You can see the thunderstorm brewing up and hear the lightning crack as it flashes across the sky. With each story you can feel the emotions that Terry felt as he faced each situation. As one reads this book it will make you reflect on your own childhood and the situations and people you faced. You will meet wonderful characters such as Phil and Terry's own grandfather. A beautiful book that is highly recommended.

This was wonderfully comforting and a very inspiring book. I could identify on so many different levels with this authors life experiences. Desiring to have a father who was more present in my own life is something I have always wished could have been a past and present reality. This writing helped me to realized that I still harboured feelings of resentment and anguish towards him of which I thought were long gone. I found inspiration in how Jamieson was able to help me see my father through the lens of a renewed perspective!

It has been a long time since I have sat and read a whole book, much less a whole book in 24 hours! This book swept me away! I could hear the very voice that wrote the book. I respect T.L. Jamieson for raising the bar for us as individuals. It drives me to rise to the occasion to reach for excellence, not perfection because none of us are perfect. Never settle for less, reach for excellence, dig deep, be kind, and be still & know God is in it all.

Through beautifully written text, T.L. Jamieson invites the reader into the world he grew up in. It is a story of a young boy's journey into manhood and the solace he found in nature. The comparison he makes between life and the path a stream may take with its many twists, turns and even sometimes obstacles, makes the reader take a nostalgic look into their own life. Growing up in rural Missouri myself, I was taken back --memories of childhood flooded my mind. As children we found great

adventure in the lands that surrounded our family farm. This story is a reminder of the simple pleasures nature can provide that are sometimes lost in the hustle and bustle of today's world. With each chapter I read I found myself yearning for more of his story. It is a true testimony of how ones experiences in life can ultimately shape them into the person they become.

This book is an excellent read. T.L. Jamieson's writing was so descriptive that I could visualize each moment. I enjoyed reading his story from childhood to adulthood. It makes me respect him even more. I plan on purchasing this book again for family members to read.

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