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A watercolor illustration of a river scene. In the foreground, a large, light-colored rock sits in the water. A woman in a blue bikini sits cross-legged on the rock, and a man in a purple shirt and shorts lies on his back on the rock. The river flows around the rock. In the background, there are green hills, trees, and a small bridge with people walking on it. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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*This book is dedicated to
all the river keepers
of planet Earth*

*And to our ancestors
past and future*

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THE RIVER KEEPER'S LIST OF ETIQUETTE

1. **DON'T BLOCK THE ROAD.** Always leave room for emergency vehicles. Leave 2 cars width space in road always
2. **LEAVE IT NICER THAN YOU FOUND IT.** No glass bottles. Bring a garbage bag with you to help clean up the river.
3. **NO FIRES OR BBQS.** Fire season is real!
4. **LEASH YOUR DOG AND PACK OUT YOUR DOG POOP.**
5. **USE UNSCENTED REEF SAFE SUNSCREEN.** No one wants to smell strong sunscreen in the water and the fish will be grateful.
6. **RIVER D.J.S,** please turn down your music and listen to the river. Be considerate of others who did not come to the river to listen to your music.
7. **RIVER CURRENTS CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS AND RIVER LEVELS CAN CHANGE WEEK TO WEEK.** Be careful always and especially in winter spring and early summer.
8. **BE A CONSIDERATE SMOKER.** No matter what you're smoking, make sure it's not blowing in someone else's space. Pack out your cigarette butts.
9. **PACK OUT YOUR FISHING GEAR.** Dogs swallow fishing hooks. Be considerate of swimmers when casting.
10. **USE THE PORTA-POTTIES PROVIDED OR GET 200 FEET FROM THE RIVER TO DO YOUR BUSINESS.** Dig a hole 6 inches deep and 6' wide. Pack out all diapers.

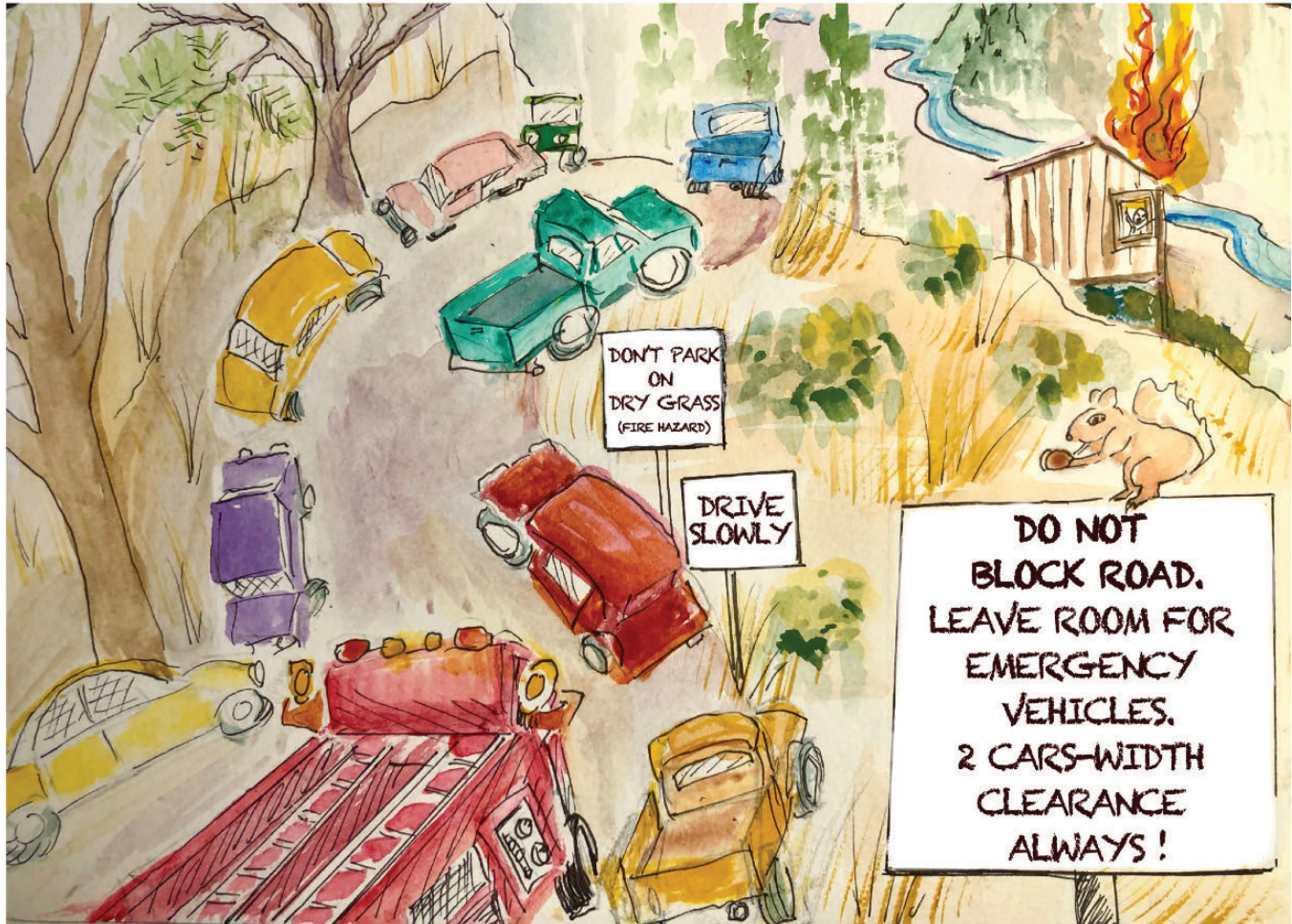


ARRIVING AT THE RIVER

A parade of people
arrives at the river
bodies all shades and sizes
decorated in ink
find their niche
in sun-painted rocks
their bodies and the rocks
indistinguishable
in late afternoon glow

Children jack-knife
off rock perches
lovers kiss

Moms float babies downstream
cradled in bright inner tubes
a yellow swallowtail
floats by on paper wings



SNAKE

Ms. Snake
made us all
laugh today
she came up
sunning
on a tip
of rock
sticking out
of the water
her tail
lashing
back & forth
in the current
obviously
enjoying
herself
part of
the party
on a Tuesday
afternoon
at the river
she said,
You're
luckyyyy
I invited
youuuu



The background of the page is an abstract watercolor painting in various shades of teal and light blue. The paint is applied in broad, sweeping, and somewhat irregular strokes, creating a sense of movement and depth. The colors are more concentrated in the upper left and lower right areas, with the center being a lighter, more washed-out white. The overall effect is ethereal and artistic.

OSPREY

Sprawled on a rock
in the sun
I had almost dissolved
into nothingness
when the osprey
came winging
dapper
in his tweed jacket
and white beret
whistling a greeting
on his clarinet
he perched on a dead branch
surveying his kingdom
of smoke and ash



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Our favorite rivers spots continue to be widely shared on social media and used now more heavily than ever. In the summer of 2020, when the pandemic prohibited air travel and folks fled to the rivers, the damage that occurred by the impact of humans on the ecosystem of rivers is still being revealed, still being healed. This booklet will help visitors understand what considerate river use is all about. Watercolors by Chula Gemignani, depicting river scenarios, accompanied by playful and contemplative poems by Meredith Heller offer a fun way to learn about river etiquette.

No river is named, making this a guide for rivers everywhere, while keeping your secret spots, secret.

River Rocks

When the river rocks are wet
their colors come to life
you can spend hours hunting

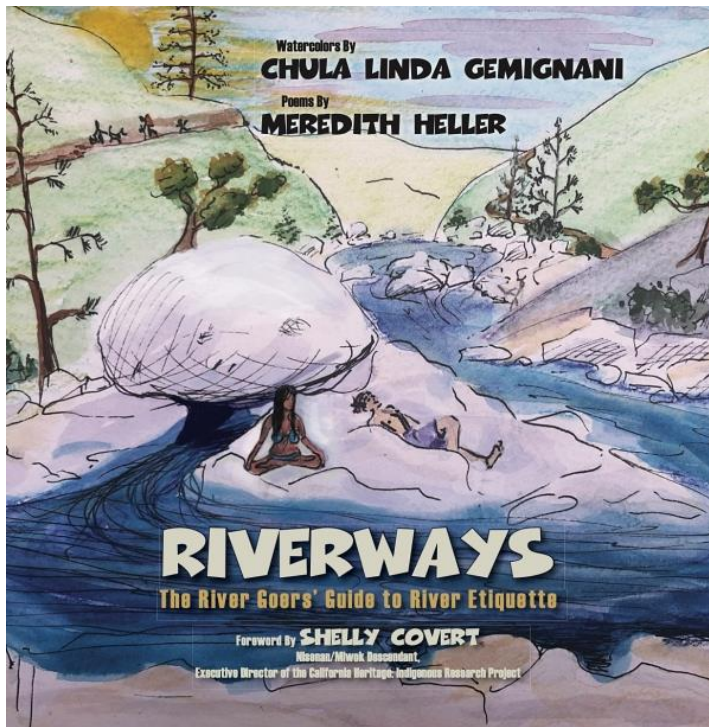
agate
serpentine
bloodstone

But let them dry
and your treasures
turn dull as dirt

mouse brown
charcoal gray

Put the people
in the river
watch them
shine up
like jewels





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