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## Talks about *Treasure River*

Hear-say was rampant after the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory. Spanish treasures of gold and silver around Santa Fe and the western ocean beyond; drew hordes of treasure seekers. Red River was ready to help explorers conquer the unknown ... or conquer them!

It is astounding that a short two hundred years ago; it was more profitable to lose your identity than to steal the identity of someone else, that the best way to travel from New Orleans to St. Louis was via a steam-driven, wood-eating riverboat and that the number one cash crop of the United States was the skin of a beaver. In all probability the second largest cash crop was whisky!

Listen to Treasure River's Stories of the birth of a baby on the wild frontier, without anyone to help; and of death without a funeral or anyone to care; and of the raising of a newborn child without its mother. Treasure River reveals the marriage of a daughter without a preacher or a proper wedding and what commerce was like before checks and debit cards; forgotten is, what it was like to kill your own supper, every day. Listen ... listen as you read *Treasure River!*

Treasure River is a historical, folkloric, novel that records the story of a civilization which we have all but forgotten; the era of the, fur trapping, whisky brewing, treasure-seeking river people; found in the wild and wooly Red River Valley, during the early nineteenth century.

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