



Water Literate Leaders 2023-2024

Historical Perspectives Resources

Books

The Great Divide by Stephen Grace, Jim Havey (Photographer)

ISBN: 1442247258

Publication Date: 2015

Note: the book version of the film that we provided

Silver Fox of the Rockies by Daniel Tyler

ISBN: 0806135158

Publication Date: 2003

Films

Cadillac Desert (1997, 4 hours, 6 minutes)

The film inspired by the famous book. "An American four-part documentary series about water, money, politics, and the transformation of nature." Not Colorado specific, but a good historical view of water in the West.

Western Water—and Power (2020, 57 minutes)

"Ever since Western settlers dreamed of deserts in bloom, men have chased the mirage of more water than these arid lands can provide. "Whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting" describes the urgent struggle every generation of Coloradans faces to control this fleeting resource—creating hydrodynamic history through structures that can propel water to run uphill toward money, and power."

Websites

[Learn More: Carpenter and Compacts - Colorado Water History - Research Guides at Colorado State University Fort Collins \(colostate.edu\)](#)

Note: Huge resource with endless water-related books, films, articles, and a list of current water-related organizations' websites

[Colorado River Timeline - Water Education Foundation](#)

Note: Provides a great historical timeline of the Colorado River

[Water in Colorado | Articles | Colorado Encyclopedia](#)

Note: The Water History section provides a great history of Colorado Water