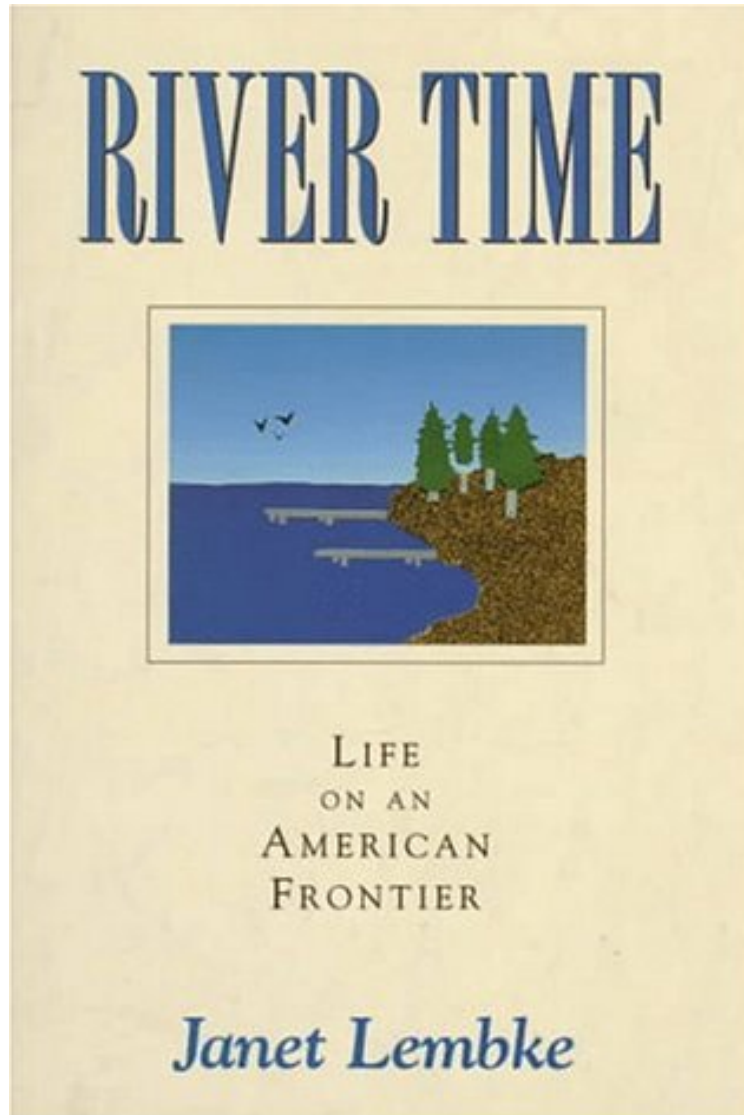


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River life along the banks of North Carolina's Lower Neuse.

From Publishers Weekly A road map of North Carolina shows the Neuse River flowing into the southern end of Pamlico Sound. Lambke and her husband "Chief" live on the shore of this tidal estuary, at a point where it is five miles wide. There is a geographically isolated rural community, 12 twisty miles on a narrow road from the nearest highway (and a mom-and-pop grocery store), 20 miles from New Bern. Residents have all the appurtenances of modern living, but the ambience is last-century frontier. Lambke's utterly charming portrait of life on the river introduces us to neighbors, permanent and weekenders, and takes us on bird walks and fishing expeditions. The gentle rhythm of life on the river is broken only by major storms (the Lembkes stayed with neighbors inland during Hurricane Gloria). The author, a teacher and translator of Greek and Roman classics, tells how she found herself in this backwater, courtesy of a middle-age romance, reminiscent of Edith Iglauer's *Fishing with John*. Lambke promises and delivers a sense of serenity and contentment. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. There are a lot of places in the world people want to learn about; if it wasn't for Janet Lembke, however, the Great Neck Point on the Lower Neuse River of North Carolina probably wouldn't be on the list. To begin with, it's hard to find; it's "cut off by water on one side, by a sea of green pines on the other," and the nearest town is twenty-two miles away. The people here are different, too, their sense of time and material possessions deeply affected by the river running near their doors. "On the riverfront house is a word that can be appropriately applied to only a few dwellings." People keep dogs, which Jake the Dogkiller occasionally knocks off, as well as goats, mallards, and their own business. Knock at these doors in the middle of the night and if you are a stranger or even a "weekender" you could wait all night long; if you are a neighbor, there's nothing they won't do. Janet Lembke is a recent but permanent resident who sees herself as in "a halcyon season, the calm that comes after years of child-rearing, the calm before infirmity overtakes the one parent left to us, before we ourselves lose our vigor." Her descriptions of this place and its people are loving, acerbic, enlightening, and entertaining, and while she and her neighbors wouldn't want you to visit, you might just end up wanting to. -- For great reviews of books for girls, check out *Let's Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14*. -- From *500 Great Books by Women*; review by Erica Bauermeister

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