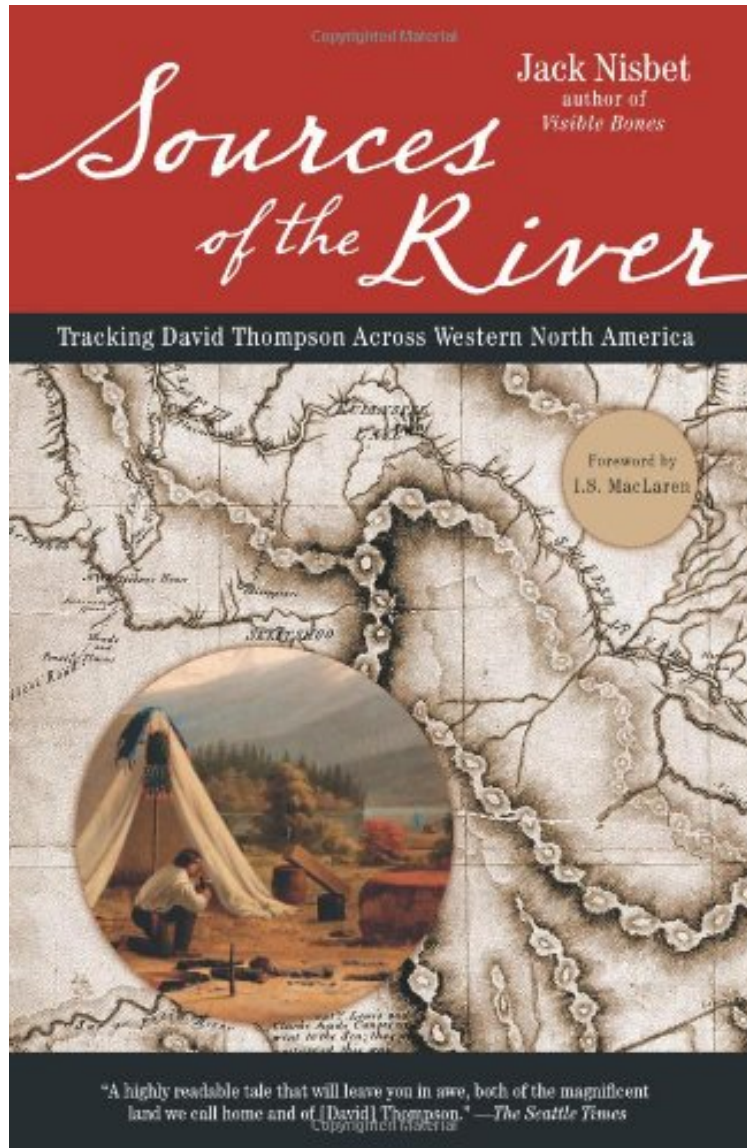


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"Jack Nisbet tells Thompson's story superbly . . . Sources of the River goes immediately onto my short shelf of best books about the Pacific Northwest." Murray Morgan About the Author Field biologist and natural history teacher Jack Nisbet lives in Spokane, WA.