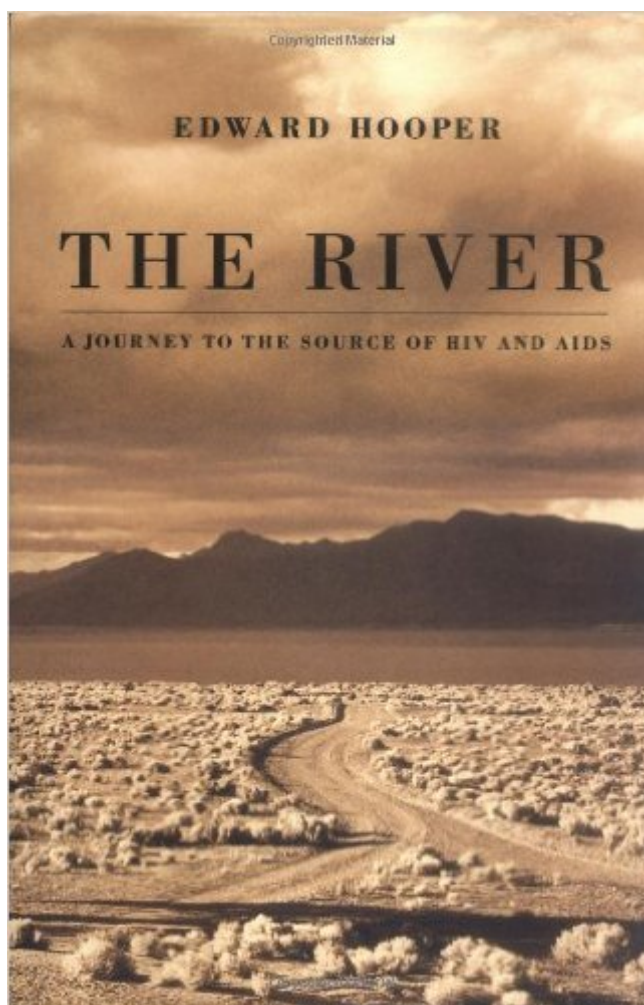


The book was found

# The River : A Journey To The Source Of HIV And AIDS



## Synopsis

While science has devoted much of its efforts to finding a cure for AIDS, the sources of this deadly epidemic remain largely unexamined. Distinguished science journalist Edward Hooper presents the meticulously researched -- and highly readable -- history of HIV and its possible origins. Pursuing leads across the U.S., the Caribbean, Europe, and Africa, Hooper pieces together the tantalizing clues offered by long-archived blood samples, early AIDS-like cases (such as the "Manchester sailor" case of 1959), immunodeficiency viruses (SIVs), and the medical interventions in Africa and elsewhere that may have played a role in SIVs' crossover into humans. Hooper examines over two dozen theories of origin, and eventually discards most of them. What remains is a remarkable and well-supported theory for the sudden appearance of AIDS, and the definitive story of its lethal spread. Drawing on more than 4,000 sources and 600 interviews, *The River* is a thorough and provocative investigation into the most terrible epidemic of the twentieth century.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 1070 pages

Publisher: Little Brown & Co (T); 1 edition (September 1999)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0316372617

ISBN-13: 978-0316372619

Product Dimensions: 2.2 x 6.2 x 9.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 3.2 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (72 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #450,170 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #60 in [Books > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Diseases & Physical Ailments > AIDS](#) #84 in [Books > Medical Books > Medicine > Internal Medicine > Pathology > Diseases > AIDS & HIV](#) #2317 in [Books > Science & Math > History & Philosophy](#)

## Customer Reviews

The title of this book refers to the Congo River of Africa. This great river became famous in Western minds in the 1800s with the journeys of Dr. Livingstone. Later, it would be the setting of *The Heart of Darkness*. Doctors and scientists in the heart of darkness indeed as *The River* explains in its long, well-documented, exhaustive tale of secretive, unregulated medical research. This book's author interviews hundreds of individuals involved in this process, goes over countless documents, and from it, pieces together the following story. After WWII there was a race to find a vaccine for polio

that could be administered orally. Numerous groups of scientists from around the world took part in this race; the prize being fame, fortune, and patents galore. In public, these teams agreed to perform all their research in Western countries, document everything, and only conduct tests on adults who had signed written consent forms. In reality, many of these teams flocked to the Africa Congo to perform large-scale tests on unwitting and unknowing human populations, often without oversight by the press or medical institutions. These groups would inject various African primates with polio, extract serum from the infected primates, and using this serum to make experimental vaccines which would then be given to the local human populations. This book contends that by this process, HIV was accidentally transmitted from certain monkeys into humans. The author provides numerous pieces of evidence in proof of this theory. First, the very same villages in the Congo where HIV was first discovered also happened to be the very same villages in which the polio tests were performed. Second, HIV was diagnosed in these villages 10 - 20 years after the polio tests were performed.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Living With HIV: The Essential Guide to Managing and Healing HIV & AIDS Symptoms (HIV essentials, AIDS research, HIV research, HIV test, AIDS virus, HIV ... HIV infection, HIV AIDS, AIDS HIV Book 1) The River : A Journey to the Source of HIV and AIDS Sande's HIV/AIDS Medicine: Medical Management of AIDS 2013, 2e HIV/AIDS And Human Development In Sub-Saharan Africa: Impact Mitigation Through Agricultural Interventions: An Overview and Annotated Bibliography ... Leaders in Agriculture and the Environment) HIV/AIDS, Gender and Rural Livelihoods in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Overview and Annotated Bibliography (Awlae: African Women Leaders in Agriculture and the Environment) Living With HIV and AIDS: Prevention, Healing Symptoms, the Newest Treatments, and Possible Cures (Health Book 1) Third Opinion, Fourth Edition: An International Resource Guide to Alternative Therapy Centers for Treating and Preventing Cancer, Arthritis, Diabetes, HIV/AIDS, MS, CFS, and Other Diseases 100 Questions & Answers About HIV And AIDS Ethnographies of Prostitution in Contemporary China: Gender Relations, HIV/AIDS, and Nationalism River Days: Exploring the Connecticut River from Source to Sea River of Lakes: A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River Applied Cryptography: Protocols, Algorithms, and Source Code in C [ APPLIED CRYPTOGRAPHY: PROTOCOLS, ALGORITHMS, AND SOURCE CODE IN C BY Schneier, Bruce ( Author ) Nov-01-1995 Pro OpenSolaris: A New Open Source OS for Linux Developers and Administrators (Expert's Voice in Open Source) Strunk's Source Readings in Music History: The Early Christian Period and the Latin Middle Ages (Revised Edition) (Vol. 2) (Source Readings Vol. 2) Nessus Network Auditing: Jay Beale Open Source Security Series (Jay Beale's

Open Source Security) The Chimp and the River: How AIDS Emerged from an African Forest Using  
Open Source Web Software with Windows (Charles River Media Internet) Zombie Curse: A Doctor's  
25-year Journey into the Heart of the AIDS Epidemic in Haiti A Cruising Guide to the Tennessee  
River, Tenn-Tom Waterway, and the Lower Tombigbee River Madness in Christmas River: A  
Christmas Cozy Mystery (Christmas River Cozy, Book 3)

[Dmca](#)