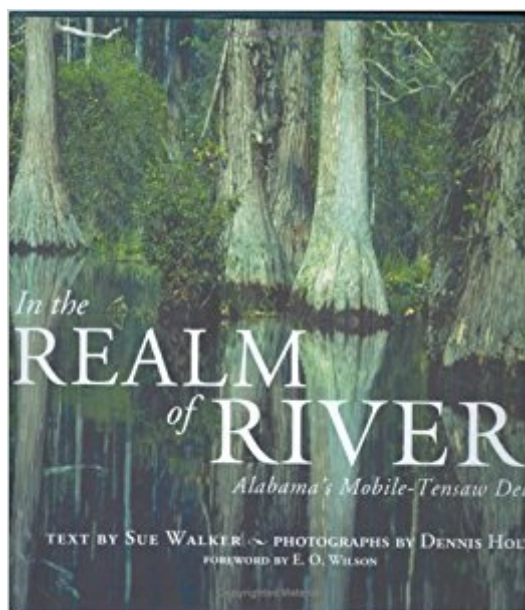


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Synopsis

The delta formed by the Alabama and Tensaw rivers at the head of Mobile Bay is one of the nation's most unique and valuable ecosystems. The area has rich history, diverse plant and animal life, great beauty, and is threatened by industry and development. Alabama poet laureate Sue Walker set out to capture the Delta in words, which are accompanied by the lush color photographs of internationally acclaimed wildlife photographer and documentarian Dennis Holt. The book includes history, science, poetry, and interviews with people who live in the Delta as well as those who are trying to save it. The book is a medium-sized coffee-table format.

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Sue Walker is poet laureate of Alabama and the chair of the English Department at the University of South Alabama. She lives in Mobile. Dennis Holt's home and gallery/studio are in Fairhope, Alabama. He travels the world on photographic assignments, but has been shooting in the Tensaw Delta for twenty-five years.

When I first leafed through this book and admired the magnificent nature photos, I thought, "What a beautiful coffee table book to look at and read a little now and then." But when I started reading, I couldn't put it down until I'd read it all, and pored over every stunning photograph. "In the Realm of Rivers" is much more than a coffee table book. It's the story---natural history, botany, zoology, anthropology, sociology---of the Alabama Delta, three hundred thousand meandering acres of swampy wilderness, a magical place. The stunning photograph of the owls and the accompanying

poem on pages 93-94 capture the soul of this lovely book: Owl Eyes
From their perch where
trees revel in dancing, on the bend and twist and lean of subtle limbs, owls watch as night
squeezes color from the fade and fall of day. They repeat only one question: who? who? who? There
may be a rustling in the grass, perhaps a responding hoot, but without expectation of an answer. In
breathless air, presences gathered in congregations of kite and mottled duck, osprey and
sparrow, cottonwood and pondweed: all together, all in their accustomed place. Let it be."

IN THE REALM OF RIVERS is an exquisite production by New South Books. Its compelling prose
and eloquent poetry by Sue Walker, Poet Laureate of the State of Alabama, and its magnificent
photographs by Emmy-Winner Dennis Holt make this book on Alabama's Mobile-Tensaw Delta an
invaluable contribution to stimulating our awareness of the significance of this ecosystem. This
volume is a rich combination of history and place in stunningly beautiful words and photographs.

Having much experience with endangered wetlands, I found Sue Walker's book to be excellently
educational and entertaining. It is now on my shelf as a life's treasure. The photography was equal to
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