



THE CHICAGO RIVER

A Natural and Unnatural History

By Libby Hill

“There is a woman named Libby Hill who is in love with rivers.”

—Rick Kogan, *Chicago Tribune Magazine*,
“Dream Rivers,” November 12, 2000

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*The Chicago River: Used and abused. Straightened and channelized.
Reversed and revered. But never ignored . . .*

Libby Hill brings the Chicago River alive in her public programs, telling its story with love, affection, and an insight born of exhaustive research. Her lectures appeal primarily to adult audiences, and they can be tailored for the needs and interests of different neighborhoods and organizations. The presentation includes use of overheads and maps.

Author, historian, and river expert Libby Hill has given a range of public and private programs on the Chicago River for libraries, historical societies, professional organizations, natural resources community groups, schools, and tourist events.

The Chicago River: A Natural and Unnatural History won a first place **American Regional History Publishing Award** (Midwest Region), a second place **Midwest Independent Publishers Association Book Award** (History), and one of ten “outstanding nominations” for best new book in Public Works History. It has become known for **debunking the persistent urban legend of the 1885 Chicago cholera epidemic**.



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