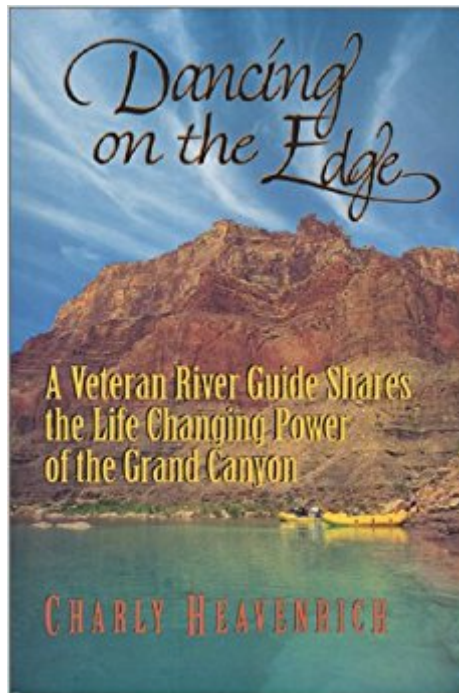




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Dancing On The Edge



Synopsis

"Dancing on the Edge" is a journey through the Grand Canyon that provides awareness and tools for life. It is for all of us who struggle with discovering and being who we are. Experience the beauty, grandeur, peace and transformative power of the Grand Canyon as you gain insight into who you really are. Meet Spirit Dancer, a guide who will introduce you to powerful concepts that will lead to a life of true adventure.

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Customer Reviews

Charly Heavenrich is a speaker, writer, photographer, consultant and Grand Canyon raft guide. He has an MBA in International Business and has studied with many powerful teachers in the fields of consulting, ceremony, Universal Principles, self esteem, personal growth, spirituality, wilderness awareness, fitness and athletics. Charly lives in Boulder, Colorado and is committed to sharing the possibilities and adventure of life. He is a lifelong learner and considers his life experiences, especially in the Grand Canyon, to be his greatest teachers.

If you need some motivation and inspiration this is a good read.. You don't have to go to the Grand Canyon to learn from it.

Though previous reviews rate this book as a 5 or 4-star read, it's interesting to note that most of these reviews are written by contributors with no other reviews (often the mark of reviews by an author's friends). I ordered the book because I'm planning to run the Colorado on a commercial raft

trip and am reading everything I can find about other river trips. I was delighted to find that after his trip, the author became a guide with the company I'm using. However, on the whole, I found his account of his journey less engaging than had previous reviewers. Heavenrich sees his river trip as a quest for self discovery--and his view of time in the Grand Canyon as life-changing is believable as well as common among hikers and river runners. However, his prose passages describing his introspection and philosophical self-analysis sometimes seem drawn out and tedious, though his descriptions of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River are tightly written and precise. I read the 2nd edition of the book; for a 2nd edition, the text has a smattering of grammatical errors that should have been corrected in proofreading. Here are several: a confusion over the correct punctuation of plural possessives (the "Chance's"--when the author refers to an entire family); a confusion of the present tense of the verbs "to lie" and "to lay" (even though the present tense of "to lie" seems to be following the dinosaurs into extinction, "lay" is not yet considered correct for the present tense of "to lie"); and many dangling modifiers (a sentence such as, "Barking loudly, the bus was chased by the dog"--this is NOT a sentence from the book, but there are numerous sentences with this type of error, where the modifiers is followed by the wrong word. John Wesley Powell set an almost unattainable bar for personal river accounts, but if someone anticipating a river trip plans to read personal narratives, Heavenrich's account falls far beneath that bar.

In 2002 I had the privilege of meeting Charly on a raft trip down the Colorado River. I purchased this book that summer but just now got around to reading it. The old saying "when the student is ready, the teacher will appear" comes to mind. I am struggling with my life path right now. I know what I have to do, or at least I think I know, but I am fighting myself. I picked up Charly's book and read it this weekend. It reminded me of my happiness that wonderful summer four years ago when we spent two weeks on the river. It also forced me to rethink the struggle going on inside of me now. I need to align the direction I am going with the feelings I have inside so I can become a stronger person. Thanks Charley, for the wonderful reminder and for the food for thought.

I was enthralled by *Dancing on the Edge*. The author managed to combine gripping descriptions of exciting experiences and magnificent scenery with deep and meaningful insights into the human spirit. I do not read "inspirational" books. I find most of them shallow and dull. This one not only inspired, it enchanted. I will read it again and again.

I purposely took a long time to read *Dancing on the Edge*. Partly because I didn't want to leave this

wonderful, serene place and partly because I wanted to enjoy and digest every savory bite. I've underlined SO MUCH and I will keep this book close by to help remind me of its many fantastic life lessons. Charly, thank you for sharing your gift with us.

All of us share this journey, different life experiences, but a common bond. Charly Heavenrich has captured many rich emotions and this book swept me up in it's embrace, much as I'm sure his beloved river captivated him. I have learned from Charly Heavenrich, and his "Spirit Dancer".

Most of us would think of trekking through the Grand Canyon to be an outer journey. Charly brings it one step further by exploring the Canyon as an outer *and* inner journey. Be prepared for the unavoidable inspiration to experience the Canyon for yourself after reading this book!

The author has a compelling style that makes you feel part of his journey. I am richer in the spirit because of you, Charly Heavenrich!

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