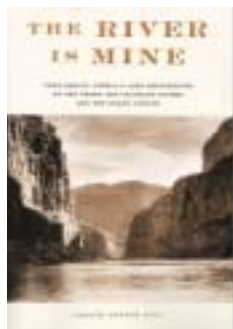


**The River Is Mine: John Wesley Powell's 1869 Exploration of the Green and Colorado Rivers and the Grand Canyon**

By Ardian Gill  
Local Color Press, 2002



A FIRST NOVEL BY A 72-YEAR-OLD IS RARE, and *The River Is Mine* is rarer still. In the words of one reader, it's "... stark, terrifying, beautiful ... it was one of the most powerful

reading experiences I've ever had. Read this novel for the adventure, for the character studies, and for the satisfaction of how ordinary men can uplift us by their determination and courage."

**About Schmidt**

By Louis Begley  
Fawcett Books, 2002

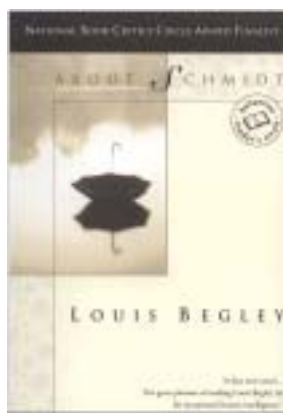
SAME TITLE, DIFFERENT KETTLE OF FISH altogether. In this one, Schmidt's name is Albert, he's a wealthy New York City lawyer who lives in the Hamptons, and he's a not-terribly-subtle anti-Semite.

Like Warren in the movie, he doesn't like his daughter's intended, but not because his future son-in-law is a waterbed salesman.

**About Schmidt**

By Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor  
Directed by Alexander Payne  
New Line Cinema, 2002

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Jack Nicholson's portrayal of an actuary in Alexander Payne's *About Schmidt*. His profession hardly matters in the context of the film. What matters is Warren Schmidt's sense of failure, of a life less than lived—an equal-opportunity condition spanning all professions, social strata, and geography. The movie is about what Warren does about it, an adventure that is as sad as it is funny, as painful as it is true.

**In the Company of Owners: The Truth About Stock Options (And Why Every Employee Should Have Them)**

By Joseph Blasi, Douglas Kruse, and Aaron Bernstein  
Basic Books, 2003

STOCK OPTIONS have been much maligned recently, mainly because of fatcat executives who've cashed them in for millions, before the share price tanks and average shareholders suffer. This book argues that options should be offered to all employees, not just upper-level execs, "bringing about a more productive company and, ultimately, rewarding employees and outside shareholders alike."



**Seeing Things Whole: The Essential John Wesley Powell**

By John Wesley Powell  
(edited by William deBuys)  
Shearwater Books, 2001

JOHN WESLEY POWELL WAS THE LAST of America's great continental explorers and the first great bioregional thinker. The lessons he taught are ones we're still learning. This book brings together the full diversity of his remarkable achievements and interests, including his personal account of the epic descent of the Colorado River.

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