Down the Wild Cape Fear:
A Journey Through History, Politics, and the Natural World

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Abstract: “The Cape Fear River drains one of 17 river basins in the state, one of just four rivers contained entirely within the state, and the only one that empties directly into the sea. It spreads out over more than 9,000 square miles, cutting right through the heart of the state. Its basin contains 116 cities and towns in 26 counties, nearly 2 million people. Its ecology and history resonate with every major political and environmental issue North Carolina faces or has faced: water quality, fisheries degradation, inter-basin transfer, the plantation slave culture, war, navigation engineering projects, pesticide use, CAFOs, public good versus private property, and all the rest. Understanding the river in its many manifestations can lead us to a more enlightened and useful approach to our future.”