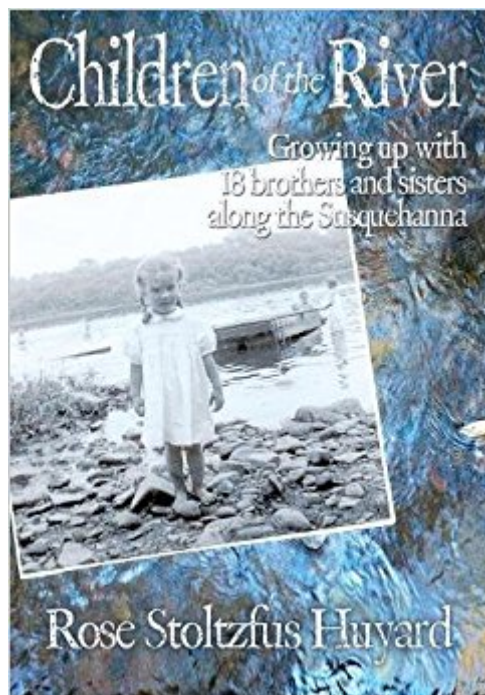




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Children Of The River: Growing Up With 18 Brothers And Sisters Along The Susquehanna



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Experience a life that few people live today. It's a life filled with physical risk requiring each member to work and play for the good of the whole. Told with refreshing forthrightness, this tribute and memoir is a heartwarming story of 19 children growing up in a Mennonite home and farming community. The Susquehanna River is the touchstone for recollections of obstacles, triumphs, and challenges in a large, loving household. Binding the family together are parents with unshakable values; songs at every turn; and the constant demands of farm life. Experience your feet touching the cold bedroom floor on a winter morning sharing a single bathroom surviving a flood driving tractor at the age of five feeding winter-born lambs by the cookstove high spirits and teasing discovering a nest of baby rabbits and the care-filled guidance of parents with nearly opposite dispositions. Love, connection, and faith formed and continues to sustain this family. This story is beautifully told by one of the family members: Rose Stoltzfus Huyard.

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What a delightful, candid story of family love and commitment. The photo on the back cover was referred to many times in an effort to connect with these children and their antics. Their parents left an indelible mark of kindness and integrity on society.

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Sometimes you read a book you can't put down and you think, "I wish millions of people read this book." That's the case with *Children of the River*. It brings back so many memories of the farm on which I was raised, even though with a lot less siblings! A wonderful story.

As a member of this large family, I am responding with much appreciation and admiration for my sister's beautiful writings in this book. Her honest approach is something that all readers can relate to in one way or another. Leona Graybill

Refreshingly candid view into large-family dynamics. No "glossing-over" of imperfections and character flaws of family members or difficult times.

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