

# THE RIVER THAT FLOWS BESIDE ME

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High in the mountains, a drip, drip, drip of cold water flows downwards. Ice and snow on the rocky peaks melt and trickle down the slope to create the source of a river.

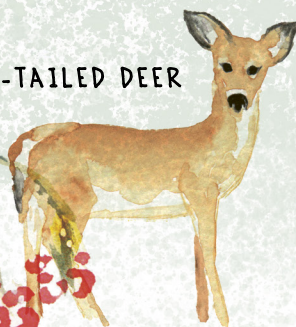
Let's follow it and see where it goes!

MOOSE



The stream winds its way through coniferous and deciduous trees.

WHITE-TAILED DEER



A white-tailed deer approaches to take a drink from the bubbling water.

UPPER COURSE

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Here is the river's source: it is also called the headwater.

This stream rushes quickly downhill, wearing away the rock over time.

WEASEL







BALD EAGLE

MOUNTAIN GOATS



GREY  
WOLVES

The stream is becoming bigger now and turning into a narrow river, gushing rapidly down the rocky slope.

As it travels, the moving water collects sand, stones and small particles called sediment.



SHEEP

The fast-flowing river and the material it carries gradually wear away the rock, forming a v-shaped valley.

That roaring sound you can hear is a waterfall.

The riverbed changes here, from layers of hard rock to softer stone.

The moving water wears away, or erodes, the soft rock and has created a crashing waterfall.



PTARMIGAN

There's a plunge pool at the bottom of the waterfall where the churning water has worn away a deep hole in the riverbed.