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• Child of Many Rivers: Journeys to and from the Rio Grande by Lucy Fischer-West (Texas Tech University Press, 2005)

• Summertime by David Fleming (TCU Press, 1986)

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• The Rio Grande, River of Destiny by Laura Gilpin (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1949)

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• The Valley/Estampas del valle y otras obras by Rolando Hinojosa (Quinto Sol, 1973) Additional novels in Rolando Hinojosa’s “Klail City Death Trip Series” include Dear Rafe/Mi Querido Rafa, and Rites and Witnesses

• The Millennium Tuber: One Man’s Journey to Help Save a River by John Hohn (Marquette Books, 2007)


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- Reflections of the Brazos Valley by D. Gentry Steele (Texas A&M Press, 2007)
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