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I finally got around to reading this book which was given to me last Christmas. The book is pretty light in terms of information about actually fishing the Juniata River between Huntingdon and the mouth for smallmouth bass but it does list a number of access points and good fishing locations along the way. As FI said in his original post the book focuses much more on the westward expansion of settlers into the Pennsylvania colony and the 1750s era history of the Juniata Valley. Good detail about the conflict between settlers and the Leni Lenape and Iroquois nation, most of which occurred during the height of the French and Indian (Seven Years) War. I did not realize that the valley was the scene of so many bloody incidents, Indian raids, revenge killings by settlers, taking of prisoners, etc. The history of this area is put into context against some of the more significant events of the times including Washington's role in the killing of ensign Jumonville, his ill-fated stand at Fort Necessity and Braddock's bloody defeat when he led an army against the French at Fort Duquesne. If you enjoy Pennsylvania history and want learn a little more about the history of the Juniata Valley and Juniata River at the same time, this is a good read.