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Allen Best, who wrote "Hydraulic Empire: Sharing a Legacy, Carving a Future for the Colorado River" in the January issue of the Lincoln Institute's Land Lines, writes about water in the Southwest and the Great Plains.

Best began writing about water while editing newspapers for more than 20 years in mountain towns located in the Colorado River headwaters. Now working from a base in metropolitan Denver, he reports that 78 percent of his water still comes from the Colorado River Basin. In the last two years, he has walked along ditches where the Colorado River, at its origin, gets diverted across the Continental Divide and seen its denouement at just inside the U.S.-Mexican border at Los Algodones, well short of the Gulf of California.

He has contributed frequently to Planning, Headwaters, and other magazines.