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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Set in Knoxville, Tenn., in the 1950s, this novel tells the story of a man who has repudiated his well-to-do parents, deserted his wife and is now a river fisherman who consorts with robbers, ragmen and other outcasts. "McCarthy captures these people's lives and speech with a tough, lyric grace," PW commented. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Review

"*Suttree* contains a humour that is Faulknerian in its gentle wryness, and a freakish imaginative flair reminiscent of Flannery O'Connor." —*The Times Literary Supplement* (London)

"All of McCarthy's books present the reviewer with the same welcome difficulty. They are so good that one can hardly say how good they really are. . . . *Suttree* may be his magnum opus. Its protagonist, Cornelius Suttree, has forsaken his prominent family to live in a dilapidated houseboat among the inhabitants of the demimonde along the banks of the Tennessee River. His associates are mostly criminals of one sort or another, and Suttree is, to say the least, estranged from what might be called normal society. But he is so involved with life (and it with him) that when in the end he takes his leave, the reader's heart goes with him. *Suttree* is probably the funniest and most unbearably sad of McCarthy's books . . . which seem to me unsurpassed in American literature." —Stanley Booth

From the Inside Flap

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