

THE THREAD IN THE RIVER

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We enter the River when we are born, and leave it when we die. Our lives consist of myriad experiences, each influenced by circumstances and surroundings. All the while, the current pulls and pushes us inexorably forward, as echoes of our past become part of the water of life that surrounds us.

Over the past four decades, I have photographically studied my family's evolutionary development as it has grown in size and complexity. Out of this has emerged a multi-faceted psychological portrait of us as a group and as individuals. Who are we at different ages? How well do we know ourselves? In what ways do we connect with one another? I seek the answers to these questions through photography.

My family is the thread, the lifeline that I cling to as we are swept along the River. As it carries us forward, I will continue to mark our passage.

Jane Alden Stevens

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