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Toby LePage, an 11-year-old frontier boy, has a dream come true when he is given a ride on the Arabia, a steamboat headed up the Missouri River. Toby was sure he was on an adventure that he would remember for the rest his life.

But things don't turn out quite as he expected as he and his father, along with all the passengers and crew on the Arabia, face a tragedy on the Missouri River. Toby comes to understand that, indeed, "The River Speaks."

A serialized story for young readers.

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