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AMC Unveils Northeastern Wilds: Journeys of Discovery in the Northern Forest

BOSTON, MA — The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) released one of several fall titles this month with a unique new offering. *Northeastern Wilds: Journeys of Discovery in the Northern Forest* is the AMC's first four-color essay and photography book exploring the Northern Forest which spans 26 million acres across New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine and is the last remaining wild forest in the East.

In his newest book of photography and essays celebrating America's wild places, Stephen Gorman leads the reader on an unforgettable visual and literary journey through this little-known region's rich heritage, geography, and culture.

The book reveals the startling beauty of this largely untamed land of rockbound coasts, dark forests, rushing rivers, and alpine summits. Yet in spite of its wild beauty and its proximity to the East's largest urban centers, it is a land that remains largely unknown to those outside its boundaries. Few realize that New York's Adirondack Park, at more than six million acres, is twice as large as Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks combined.

Even more surprising, writes Gorman, is to discover that the largest uninhabited region in the lower forty-eight states is not "in the sagebrush deserts of Wyoming or Nevada but in the northern forests of Maine." Through his journeys down raging rapids and along solitary trails, over snow-swept peaks and across remote glassy lakes, Gorman reveals the singular and irreplaceable character of the Northern Forest. His photographs, notes Rick Bass in the foreword, "come as close as is possible, other than actually being in the woods, to giving us glimpses, tastes, odors, sounds, and touches of the spirit and being of these places."

Gorman confidently guides us through the complexities of this working wilderness and the many challenges now facing its survival, exploring with an even hand and open mind such difficult issues as clear-cutting, land development, endangered species reintroduction, and conservation—issues that resonate whether you live in Maine, Colorado, or California.

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Throughout the book, we meet members of the diverse communities who make their living from and in the Northern Forest. First-hand insights from such well-known voices as E. Annie Proulx and Bill McKibben, as well as Abenaki tribespeople, paper company executives, and lifelong residents highlight the present-day choices, challenges, and opportunities facing this wilderness area.

Northeastern Wilds is a breathtaking visual testament to the importance of this vast Eastern wilderness and the power of landscape in our lives.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. With more than 92,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the nonprofit AMC promotes the protection, enjoyment, and wise use of the mountains, rivers and trails of the Appalachian region.

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