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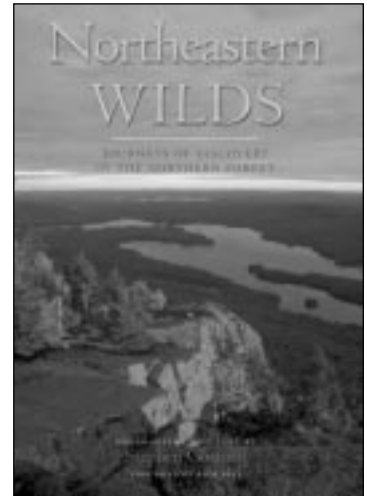


Northeastern Wilds Named as Finalist in 2003 Independent Publishers Awards

BOSTON, M.A.—Appalachian Mountain Club Books is pleased to announce the recognition of ***Northeastern Wilds: Journeys of Discovery in the Northern Forest*** by writer and photographer Stephen Gorman as a finalist in the 2003 Independent Publisher Awards.

Announced May 23 during Book Expo America in Los Angeles, the Independent Publisher Awards recognize excellence in independent publishing. More than 1,500 titles were entered.

In *Northeastern Wilds: Journeys of Discovery in the Northern Forest*, Stephen Gorman leads readers on an unforgettable visual and literary journey through this last remaining wild forest in the East. Gorman travels down raging rapids and over snow-swept peaks, along solitary trails and across remote lakes to reveal the startling beauty of this largely untamed land of rockbound coasts, dark forests, rushing rivers, and alpine summits. Gorman also introduces members of the diverse communities who make their living from and in the Northern Forest. Firsthand 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.



“We’re thrilled that the Independent Publisher Awards recognized *Northeastern Wilds* for excellence in publishing,” says AMC publisher Beth Krusi. “*Northeastern Wilds* brilliantly showcases a region in transition. Steve Gorman’s photos and essays capture the unique qualities of the area, its history, and the ongoing efforts of the people who live here to preserve their way of life and create a sustainable economic future.”

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

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

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Northeastern Wilds (\$39.95, ISBN 1-929173-09-1) is available at bookstores. You can also order it directly from the Appalachian Mountain Club by calling 1-800-262-4455 or by visiting www.outdoors.org.

With more than 90,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes natural resource conservation through responsible recreation based on the philosophy that successful, long-term conservation depends upon firsthand enjoyment of the natural environment.

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