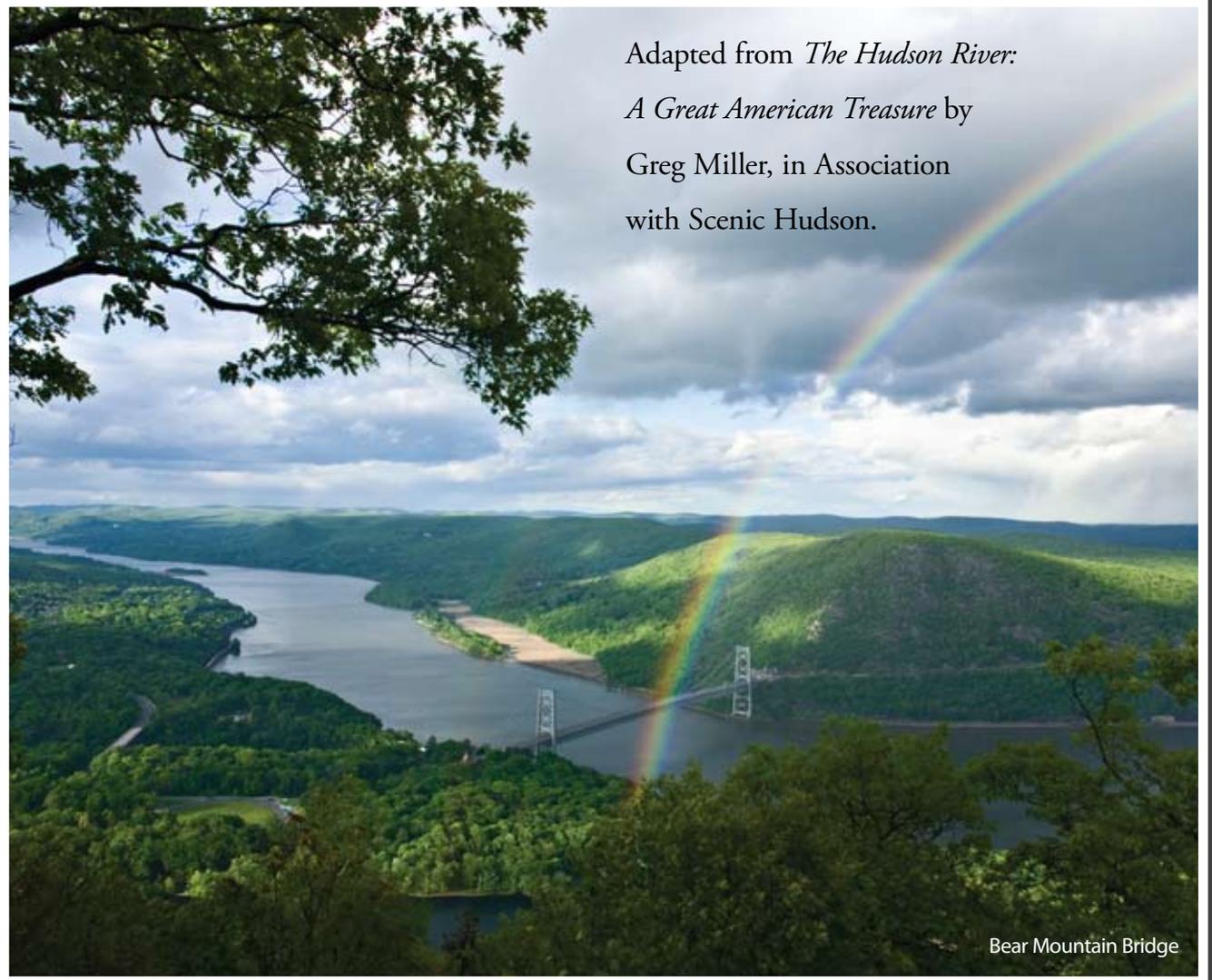


HUDSON RIVER PORTRAITS



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Bear Mountain Bridge

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The Hudson's majesty—from its unique natural features to the sublimity of its sunsets—probably has generated more adjectives than any American waterway.

Mountain vistas along the Hudson continue to attract tourists from all over the world. Farms that served as the breadbasket of the thirteen colonies, today furnish produce for local farmers' markets as well as Manhattan restaurants. Our woodlands and

marshes, which contain an incredibly rich diversity of wildlife, provide homes for many endangered or threatened species. And the Hudson's waters teem with aquatic life, including Atlantic sturgeon whose forebearers swam with the dinosaurs. In other words, this is very much a river with a past and a presence—and a future we must fight to protect.



Constitution Marsh, Garrison



Coxsackie Creek



Hudson Highlands vista from Cat Rock, Garrison

...the Hudson is actually an estuary, an arm of the sea, its surface raised and lowered by the tide twice a day. Native Americans alluded to these shifts when giving the waterway its first name. They called it *Muhheakunnuk*, the river that flows both ways.

Over the centuries, industry and development have taken their toll, but today much of the region's beauty remains intact...Along with Scenic Hudson, other environmental groups and state agencies moved into high gear, achieving remarkable successes. Today, people take great pleasure—and enormous pride—in a rejuvenated Hudson River.



Hudson Highlands from Breakneck Ridge



George Washington Bridge and Manhattan skyline



The tip of Manhattan

FOR ALL WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS RIVER—
WHETHER FOR A DAY, A YEAR, OR A LIFETIME—IT COURSES
THROUGH OUR VEINS FOREVER, OFFERING OBJECT LESSONS
IN HISTORY AND HOPE, PERIL AND PROMISE.



Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate, Pocantico Hills

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