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I grew up in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, surrounded by woods, water, fields, and wildlife that quietly shaped how I see the world. From an early age, I learned that beauty here is not loud or staged—it is found in stillness, in patience, and in the details revealed when you take the time to look closely.

My photography has always been inspired by the natural world. Every image in this book began as an original photograph of local flora and fauna, captured throughout Fayette County just as it existed in that moment. These were not arranged scenes, but real encounters—plants growing where they chose, animals resting, moving, or blending into their surroundings.

Each photograph was thoughtfully transformed into line art so it could be experienced in a new way. As you color, you are engaging with the same landscapes and species that have inspired me for years. This book is both a reflection of the place I call home and an invitation to slow down, observe, and appreciate the remarkable diversity of life that exists all around us.

- All illustrations are derived from the artist's original flora and fauna photography taken in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.



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