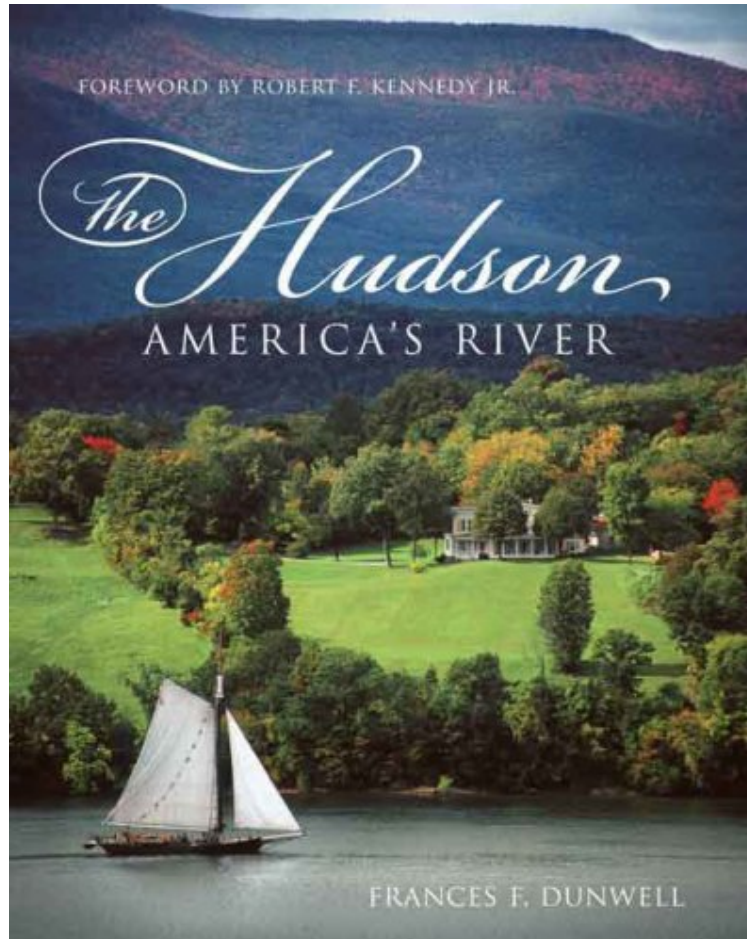


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Frances Dunwell : The Hudson: America's River before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hudson: America's River:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A complete biography of our beloved Hudson RiverBy Carol T.Frances Dunwell has studied and worked to preserve the Hudson River for the last 40 years. She, I believe, still works for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as the Hudson River Estuary Coordinator where she oversees the Hudson's rigorous fish and wildlife conservation program.This book was originally titled: The Hudson River Highlands, published in 1991, at the time the author was completing a Masters Degree. In 2008, the book was expanded and updated and became this book, The Hudson: Americas River.I have always had an interest in the Hudson, most of which began because of the role the Hudson played in the Revolutionary War, of which I am always interested. Last year, I became even more interested in it as I made (and still make) short daily ferry rides from Manhattan to NJ for work. A few months ago, I was at a park in the Hudson Valley (Kingsland Point Park, I think) and the Hudson is just spectacular in this location. You can look from the park railings to a landscape that is NOT dotted

with buildings or other manmade structures other than the Tappan Zee Bridge and a small lighthouse. There were waves crashing up against the rocks and the vastness of the river in this one spot made my mind wander to what it must have been like 1,000 years ago when the land was inhabited only by native peoples and wildlife. Then I jumped ahead to wonder about the significance of the river during the Revolution. When I got home, I found this book and it is one of the best book purchases I have ever made. If you buy one book on the subject, this is it. I am not even close to finishing this because there is so much information that needs to be read and understood with the right amount of time dedicated to the task. The Hudson is so rich with American history going back hundreds of years, it's hard to fathom the impact it has had on the whole of the nation. The river was crucial to our success in gaining our freedom during the Revolution and it became home to many notable families who still maintain a presence in the area. And all this information is in addition to the ecology. A truly fascinating subject in every respect. And the Hudson Valley is just a minute portion (although a very historic portion) of a river that spans more than 300 miles beginning somewhere up in the Adirondack Mountains flowing to the bottom (us) and eventually out to the Atlantic. I feel inspired to finish this and then see as much of this historic waterway as I can manage. A beautiful, well-written, informative biography of the Hudson by a woman whose love for it is apparent on every page. Recommend. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. AmazingBy EeeeeLisaI read this book for a book club. My first impression was, "Wow, this book is Heavy!" But it sure is readable, informative and enlightening. I recommend this book even if you don't live near the Hudson as you will learn so much about the effects of pollution and how lucky we are to be able to reverse some of its damages, not to mention all the fascinating historical information. It seems even Pete Seeger learned a lot from this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Mary ShellyA wonderful book, about my favorite part of America. In wonderful condition.

Frances F. Dunwell presents a rich portrait of the Hudson and of the visionary people whose deep relationship with the river inspires changes in American history and culture. Lavishly illustrated with color plates of Hudson River School paintings, period engravings, and glass plate photography, *The Hudson* captures the spirit of the river through the eyes of its many admirers. It shows the crucial role of the Hudson in the shaping of Manhattan, the rise of the Empire State, and the trajectory of world trade and global politics, as well as the river's influence on art and architecture, engineering, and conservation.

From Publishers WeeklyDunwell, who has worked for 30 years to conserve the Hudson and its cultural heritage, tells the story of the magical river that has been central to New York's power and to the history of the United States. Beginning with the Native Americans who lived near the Hudson, Dunwell follows the river through the centuries, describing the painterslike Thomas Colewho found in the river inspiration for great art and the Civilian Conservation Corps's work to build recreational facilities during the Great Depression. Covering the Hudson through space as well as time, Dunwell ranges from the building of the Erie Canal to the erection of the Statue of Liberty, and the Gilded Age estates of J.P. Morgan and Jay Gould. She pays particular attention to the tension between harnessing the Hudson's economic potential and preserving its natural beauty. Dunwell indulges in grandiose statements (the river's forts assume the importance of Grecian temples) and boosterism (Can a person make a difference? The answer is yes). But with the book's dozens of illustrations and a moving foreword by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as bonuses, people who love the Hudson will love this book. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From Booklist*Starred * The magnificent Hudson River is emblematic of America's dreams of freedom, bountiful nature, and uplifting beauty. And yet, for all its wild splendor and historic sites, America's most important waterway became grossly polluted. Dunwell, a key figure in the river's conservation, reawakens appreciation for the Hudson in a richly illustrated book graceful and capacious enough to capture the spirit and significance of its subject. Combining natural and human history, Dunwell tracks the river from its Adirondack headwaters to the tip of Manhattan, from Revolutionary War battles to Millionaires Row, where such prominent families as the Roosevelts and Rockefellers built grand estates, to the industries that poisoned the river and the activists among them Pete Seeger, with the sloop *Clearwater* who rescued, restored, and continue to protect the Hudson. Dunwell's clear, fast-moving prose conveys a wealth of information to form a commanding and inspiring biography of a river that gave rise to an art movement (the Hudson River school), progressive social quests, landmark environmental cases, and heroic approaches to preservation. The story of the Hudson River is the story of nature's resiliency and civilization's evolution. --Donna Seaman "A story of interaction between people and the environment and a story of continuing inspiration and renewal. All libraries will be enriched by this volume." -- "Library Journal" "Dunwell's clear, fast-moving prose conveys a wealth of information to form a commanding and inspiring biography of a river." -- "Booklist (starred review)" "A commanding and inspiring biography of a river... The story of the Hudson River is nothing less than the story of nature's resiliency and civilization's evolution." -- "Booklist" "People who love the Hudson will love this book." -- "Publishers Weekly" Succinct and comprehensive... with lavish, deftly selected illustrations, photographs, and maps. This is a handsome, well-written, beautifully produced volume.--Philip Terrie "Adirondack Explorer" (01/01/0001)