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Cover: Hikers climb the east side of Lehigh Gap on the AT last fall.

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# Pretty yellow flowers are nothing to sneeze at



*Showy Goldenrod, Solidago speciosa, a perennial native to eastern and central North America. A very common plant in our area blooms late August into October.*

By Eric Pavlak

Goldenrod is the name given to 125 species of beautiful flowering plants, most of which are native to North America. Here we show some of the most common types found in our region.

Goldenrods are often unfairly blamed for fall allergies. Ragweed is the culprit. It reproduces by wind-borne pollen, and its pollen is the leading cause of seasonal allergies, sometimes called “hay fever.” Even a major drug company (that should know better) sells its allergy medication showing a photo of goldenrod

Goldenrods are insect-pollinated. They hold their pollen tight in the flower. They are a very important part of our ecosystem. Their nectar is the last major feeding opportunity for honey bees and dozens of other pollinating species prior to their winter hibernation.

These pollinators are a vital part of reproduction and fruiting, not only for human-planted crops, but also for wild plants that feed birds and other fauna.

In spring, the flush of wildflower bloom moves from south to north, and from lower elevations to higher ones. In late summer and fall, autumnal blooming begins in the north and at higher elevations, then spreads south and to lower areas.

Early Goldenrod begins blooming in late July and early August in our region. Most goldenrods are in bloom by late August, and will continue in flower into mid to late October. The plants can survive frost, but not a hard freeze.

Goldenrods generally work well as a cut flower. They are a beautiful addition to a fall bouquet. Be sure to pick from an appropriate source such as a vacant lot, not from a park or along a trail.



*Blue-stemmed Goldenrod, Solidago caesia, a perennial native to eastern North America from Canada to the Gulf Coast. Blooms late August into October.*



*Early Goldenrod, Solidago juncea, a perennial native to eastern North America from the Gulf Coast to Labrador west to the Mississippi. Well named, it is the first of the goldenrods to bloom, starting in late July and early August and blooms into September. A great food for butterflies, it is cultivated to attract them. Grows three to 10 foot tall.*



*Wand Goldenrod, Solidago stricta, native to sandy coastal areas from New Jersey south along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. Blooms August through heavy frost in New Jersey and Delaware.*



**The Villain:**  
*Ragweeds are flowering plants in the genus Ambrosia, and often grow adjacent to or mixed in with goldenrod.*



*Canada Goldenrod, Solidago canadensis, a perennial native to most of North America from Alaska and Northern Canada south, except for the Gulf Coast. Tall, leafy, finely hairy stem. Blooms August through October.*

More photos at:  
<http://amcdv.org/goldenrod.html>

# Once the giant of the eastern hardwood forest, the America Chestnut now struggles to recover



By Mike Manes

In the nineteenth century the American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*) was the most common tree in the eastern United States. Between 20 and 25 percent of the deciduous trees in its range were chestnuts. It was typically five or six feet in diameter and up to 100 feet in height. It ranged from Maine to Georgia, mainly in the Appalachian Mountain range.

The chestnut was not only a beautiful tree, it was also the most useful. As a source of food for wildlife, farm animals, and humans, many estimates show it producing a higher weight of nutrition per acre than can be produced by potatoes, soy beans, or any form of grain. The lumber of chestnut was not as strong as oak, but it was considerably lighter in weight. The lumber had very few knots, split easily, and was highly resistant to rot. It contained tannin and was used in the tanning of leather. The tannin gave the chestnut wood its ability to resist rotting. The trees stood tall and straight and were excellent as telephone and electrical poles.

In 1904 a fungal disease commonly called chestnut blight (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) was discovered on trees located in the Bronx Zoo in New York City. What followed has often been described as the greatest environmental disaster of the twentieth century. This disease spread quickly throughout the east coast, reaching the furthest southern point in 1940. There are still many small chestnut trees in the former range, but close to 100 percent of these are sprouts from the roots of what was a large tree. These sprouts rarely reach four inches in diameter, and even more rarely produce viable nuts.

Chestnuts like to grow in well drained slightly acidic soil. Many exist on the top and the slopes of mountains and hills in eastern Pennsylvania and nearby New Jersey. The Appalachian Trail which follows the Kittatinny Ridge in our area has hundreds of small trees, less than three inches in diameter. In 2014, my wife and I counted trees along the AT in eastern Pennsylvania.

One particular area that many AMC hikers know is from Hamburg Reservoir, past the Pulpit and the Pinnacle and on to a helicopter landing pad. Probably this is best known as part of Pete Jarrett's full moon walks to the Pinnacle. It is less than six miles in length and contained over seven hundred American chestnuts. All counted chestnut were at least three feet in height and within fifteen feet of the trail.

The American Chestnut Foundation has been working to establish a chestnut that is blight resistant but otherwise has all characteristics of the tree that once dominated the eastern United States. Their method is selective breeding of a hybrid, crossing the American chestnut with the Chinese chestnut (*Castanea mollissima*) which is highly resistant to chestnut blight. AMCDV members have assisted in picking and planting these chestnuts at various locations in the Delaware Valley since 2014.

*In late September and or early October, AMC-DV will work with The American Chestnut Foundation in harvesting sixth generation hybrid (1/16 Chinese, 15/16 American) chestnuts in Hockessin, Delaware. You can participate in this activity. Look for this event in the Weekly Bulletin or the Activities Calendar on our web site.*

*Right now I cannot chose the exact date for the work, it depends on when the nuts are ripe for picking. The seeds collected will be sent to Penn State where they will be prepared for planting in the spring of 2018*

The American chestnut was once the most dominant deciduous tree in the eastern US. There are still many chestnuts; however their character has changed as well as their method of reproduction. I hope you will look at future articles I plan for Footnotes.

The AMC Delaware Valley Chapter is a member of the American Chestnut Foundation. More on our web site: [amcdv.org/chestnut.html](http://amcdv.org/chestnut.html)

A feature article on chestnuts appeared in the Spring 2012 issue of Footnotes, available at: [amcdv.org/assets/spring2012footnotes.pdf](http://amcdv.org/assets/spring2012footnotes.pdf)

## And you can help

To participate in this annual chapter conservation and citizen science event, watch for the dates of the picking on our web calendar, or in the Weekly Bulletin, or contact Mike Manes by e-mail at [AMCDVTrails@aol.com](mailto:AMCDVTrails@aol.com).



## Delaware Valley Chapter Annual Meeting and Dinner, Saturday, November 4

Pennridge Community Center, Routes 113 and 152 South, Silverdale, PA

This year's guest speaker will be Becky Fullerton, AMC Archivist and accomplished speaker who will present a program of historic photographs and hand-colored magic lantern slides of early AMC travel dating from the 1880s.

It will include trips to Alberta, Mexico and Switzerland. Quebec, Katahdin and Yellowstone. Not only were members writing up their exploits in Appalachia journal; they brought home views to share with the club.

The AMC archives are rich in these vividly captured glimpses of travel in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. We will see a wide sample of trip photos of the past, and hear the stories behind our journeys in the age of train, horse, foot and boat travel to destinations near and far.

*The meeting part takes just a few minutes and includes election of the 2018 executive committee. The evening will also include the presentation of the Appie and Golden Appie awards.*

The fun starts at 5 PM with happy hour, Dinner is at 6 PM. The cost is only \$25. Registration and directions at <http://amcdv.org/social.html>

Right: Becky Fullerton in the 1915 vintage woman's hiking outfit she wore hiking the White Mountains hut to hut in 2015.



### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion? But I Just Want to Go on a Hike!**

This will probably be the first time most of you have heard about the new DEI initiative of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). So what is it all about?

In March 2017 a group of 21 volunteers and 3 AMC staff members participated in a weekend training with Avarna, an organization specializing in building relationships between people and their environments. Midori Wakabayashi and Susan Weida attended.

Since that time an AMC Delaware Valley task force has been established to guide the chapter on methods to expand and enhance our diversity. The task force is led by Christine Loch and includes David Stein, Midori Wakabayashi and Susan Weida

Why is it important to put DEI on our current full plate of conservation and activity leadership? Improving our ability to engage a more diverse population is another important way of fulfilling the AMC mission to promote the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of our area and to promote the engagement of people with the outdoors.

Making our activities as welcoming to people from different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic groups, ability levels and geographic locations is part of this mission. Many of us have experienced that great moment on a hike when we meet someone very different from us who opens up new ways of appreciating the beauty of nature.

As we begin this effort here are some important definitions provided by Avarna:

**Diversity:** The unique differences between us...based on which we are treated differently in society.

**Inclusion:** Celebrating, welcoming, valuing, and leveraging those differences instead of just tolerating them.

**Equity:** An approach to ensuring everyone has access to the same opportunities.

Our efforts in the AMC Delaware Valley Chapter will be aligned with the AMC club wide initiative. We have started trying some shorter urban hikes, new ways of publicizing our existing urban hikes, and we're exploring ways to partner with local health and service organizations.

Stay tuned for more updates.

### **Outdoor leadership training courses this fall**

The Delaware Valley Chapter offers a training course for outdoor activity leaders each year in the spring. In addition, we have established a reciprocal arrangement with the Connecticut Chapter so that DV Chapter members may attend the Connecticut Chapter's leadership training course in the fall. If you'd like to get started as an AMC activity leader soon, this is your chance! The course this year will be offered on the weekend of November 17-19 in Litchfield, western Connecticut. We will try to coordinate carpools for DV Chapter members traveling to Connecticut for the course (about 3½ hours from Philadelphia).

The November course, like the DV Chapter's spring course, covers many aspects of being a trip leader such as group dynamics, leadership styles and accident scene management, and is led by AMC volunteers and staff. DV Chapter members completing this course will be certified as trip leaders upon completion of two successful co-leads on DV Chapter trips.

The cost for the weekend is \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members, including instruction, handouts, lodging and meals. For those leading at least two hikes for the DV Chapter within a year of the course, 50 percent of the course cost will be reimbursed.

The Potomac Chapter will also offer a leadership program on October 7. Contact Lennie Steinmetz at [leadership@amcdv](mailto:leadership@amcdv) for more information.

**Young members** interested in becoming AMC leaders were offered the Inter-Chapter Young Members (20s and 30s) Leadership Training weekend held at AMC's Cardigan Lodge in New Hampshire on September 15-17.

**Experienced leaders** who wish to expand their range might be interested in attending the **Adventure Travel** training weekend that will take place on the weekend of November 10-12 in Charlton, MA. This is a great opportunity for trip leaders who are ready to take the next step from leading local chapter trips to organizing and leading longer domestic and international excursions. Information is available at <http://www.outdoors.org/outdoor-activities/adventure-travel>

**Next Spring:** The DV Chapter offers an Outdoor Leadership Training course each year in the spring. The 2018 course will take place April 6-8 at Nockamixon State Park, near Quakertown, PA.

For additional information on these courses or on other leadership training opportunities available through the AMC, contact Leadership Chair Lennie Steinmetz at [leadership@amcdv.org](mailto:leadership@amcdv.org) or phone her at 610-694-8677.

# Thoughts on Our Changing Climate

By Richard Puglisi

No need for skis. Discard the ice skates. Get rid of the snow shovel. We may be seeing more of these items at garage sales in the future.

Global surface temperature in 2016 was the warmest since official records began in 1880. It was the third year in a row to set a new heat record, and the fifth time the record has been broken since the start of the 21st century. (Source: National Atmospheric and Oceanographic Administration) Now that's hot!

It seems every year temperature records are broken. Can you recall standing around outside on a sunny day in shirtsleeves this past winter? Now that doesn't seem right!

Scientists report Arctic ice caps are melting at an alarming rate, the results of which can have catastrophic effects around the globe. Already we are seeing an increase in the number of icebergs clogging up shipping lanes. Warmer temperatures also are contributing to heavier rains and increased flooding. As temperatures increase, the likelihood of longer wildfire seasons increase.

Climate change. Global warming. Call it what you wish. Our planet is getting hotter and the scientific proof exists.

The primary cause of climate change is the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, petroleum and natural gas that emit CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. The CO<sub>2</sub> along with other air pollutants collect in the atmosphere and absorb sunlight and solar radiation that have bounced off the earth's surface. Normally, this radiation would escape into space but instead it traps the heat and is causing the planet to get hotter. This is known as the greenhouse effect.

While we have had success in reducing emissions, modernizing power plants and generating cleaner electricity, this is not enough and we need to do more.

A group called Citizen's Climate Lobby is advocating for the implementation of a Carbon Fee and Dividend program. It would place a fee on fossil fuels at the source (mine, well or port) and later return all of the revenue to households equally. This program is endorsed by many prominent Republican leaders such as George Schultz and Henry Paulson.

It is projected that the Carbon Fee and Dividend program would reduce emissions by 31 percent in 10 years and 50 percent in 20 years. It would also generate 2.1 million new jobs in 10 years, increasing to 2.8 million in 20 years.

Finally, we as individuals, need to do more to reduce our carbon footprint. Whether it be replacing light bulbs with LED's or driving a more fuel efficient car or installing a programmable thermostat, we all need to do more. As Charles Dudley Warner once wrote, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it," so let's get busy.

## Nominations: 2018 Executive Committee

Each year we form a new nominating committee to find people to serve in various chapter offices and positions. The committee is headed by an Executive Committee member. Other members must not be currently on the Executive Committee.

Our search to fill the demanding position of hiking chair was listed on our website for several months. Fortunately, Jeff Fritzinger has agreed to serve, and he will be assisted by Barbara Beatrice.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee were: Joanie Schultz, John Garner, Ira Rubinstein, Tom Sherwood, Geri Chmiel, with Susan Weida as chair. The nominations will be voted on at our annual meeting on November 4. See page five of this issue for more information.

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Hiking	Jeffrey Fritzinger
Leadership	Lennie Steinmetz
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Mary Jane Martin
Trails	Phil Mulligan
Young Members	Kate Prisby

## Ruby Horwood, first woman AMC president, DV Chapter Chair, 1917-2017,

Ruby Horwood, DV Chapter Chair from 1969-70 and, in 1975, the first woman president of the Appalachian Mountain Club, passed away on August 2, 2017.

She had just celebrated her 100th birthday this spring, when most of the female DV Chapter Chairs who have succeeded her had the pleasure of meeting with her and presenting her with an official plaque from AMC and with several other gifts.

Read Joan Aichele's fascinating 2013 interview with Ruby on the next page.

*Ruby on a winter trail in 1977*



## ***A visit with pioneer Ruby Horwood, AMC's first woman president***

By Joan Aichele

When I am out on an AMC activity and meet other members of our chapter, I sometimes ask where they live.

This is a two-fold question. It breaks the ice, and it helps me, as chapter membership chair, to understand where some of our more active members reside.

One day while I was hiking with the Wednesday hikers, I asked this question of Cyrille White, an AMC member since 1966 but relatively new to our DV Chapter. She told me she had lived in Maine and has relocated a few times over the years, and was now living at Foulkeways in Gwynedd, PA.

I commented that we had a few other AMC members living at Foulkeways. Our discussion led to the name Ruby Horwood. I was familiar with Ruby's name but knew nothing of her past history with AMC. Cyrille mentioned that Ruby was the first female president of the AMC Board. (That was before the title changes a few years back. Today the president would be the Chair of the Board.) I was quite excited to learn about Ruby and her history with AMC. I commented that it would be wonderful to meet her.

Cyrille arranged a meeting with Ruby for me and two other long-time dedicated DV Chapter volunteers, Jane Shepard and Lennie Steinmetz, who both knew Ruby very well. We were all able to get together in Ruby's apartment and spent a wonderful afternoon reminiscing about AMC and Ruby's various hiking experiences. I must admit I was in awe of the company I found myself in. Between Ruby, Jane and Lennie there is a combined 144 years of dedication and commitment to AMC!

Ruby was delightful to talk with. She had a sparkle in her eyes, a quick wit and a willingness to share her memories. Her answers were short but to the point.

When asked how she got started hiking, she replied, "I just did."

She commented that she had a sister who would not even walk one mile. When asked where she had hiked, she pulled out a list of the many countries and regions she had visited: England, New Zealand, the Dolomites in Italy, Iceland, Scandinavia and Switzerland — her favorite place to hike, she had been there 12 times. Closer to home, she hiked in Colorado, at Mt. Rainer and the Grand Canyon just to name a few. Then she showed us a sash that a friend had made for her door with many patches she had acquired from the areas she had hiked.

Ruby and Jane had traveled together on some of these hikes. They shared laughs about some of their experiences such as sharing a tent at August Camp, and going on a backpacking trip to Phantom Ranch in the Grand Canyon. They were to hike up to the North Rim but there was too much snow, so they had to turn around and hike out the way they came in.

As we read aloud Ruby's list of the countries she had visited, she commented "I got around and spent a lot of money."

She went on numerous AMC Major Excursions. She showed us a picture of herself in Iceland crossing a stream with her pant legs rolled up and her hiking boots hanging from her neck. No taking the easy route for this strong hiker!

Talking about the Highland Center led to a discussion about the AMC huts. When I asked her if she had hiked up to the huts, her reply was. "I've done the huts, I've done the huts," and laughed. "I've done them quite often. They are some lovely spots."

Madison was one of her favorites.

When asked how she became the first female president of the AMC board in 1975, she replied, "Three or four people asked me if I would do it, so I went off for a couple of hours, came back and agreed to do it."

And do it she did. She was involved with the acquisition of the two additional townhouses at Joy St. shortly after she became president. "They really needed the space. There wasn't much room,"

She said she tried to visit all the chapters over the course of a year, and then had to start all over again.

And some things never change. She commented that "all the groups have a lot of meetings".

There were a couple of big projects on the agenda during her tenure. The first was protecting Franconia Notch in the White Mountains from the proposed widening of I-93 to a four lane superhighway.

The second was a major issue closer to home, fighting the proposed Tocks Island Dam in the Delaware Water Gap. Many of us who now recreate in this beautiful landscape are extremely thankful to Ruby and the others who fought to protect this area so that we and future generations have a place to hike, paddle and explore. The area is now known as the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, a place known for its history, natural beauty and abundant wildlife. A place where one can go to renew their spirit.

During Ruby's time as president she was living in Rhode Island, but then moved to Pennsylvania. She said she would catch the 7 PM flight to Boston every Friday evening, work all weekend and then fly home on Sunday evening. She truly was a dedicated AMC volunteer.

She proudly showed us the wooden gavel that was presented to her for her two years of service as president. It had a brass plate engraved with her name and the years she served: 1974-1975.

Ruby also served on the DV Chapter Executive Committee. It was a time when the DV Chapter was still relatively new and they were working hard to get the chapter going. She had no idea how big it would become. She was not sure, but thought she had probably served in every chair position on the DV Executive Committee at one time or another.

Ruby commented that she still is very interested in what is going on in AMC and enjoys keeping up with it. She was aware of AMC's efforts in Maine as well as in trying to get more programs going for children.

To me, Ruby is AMC. She represents what AMC is all about. She had and still has a strong conviction, dedication and willingness to volunteer. And she loved to enjoy the great outdoors and traveling.

AMC was founded in 1876 and is still going strong 137 years later because of dedicated volunteers like Ruby stepping up whenever and wherever needed. She truly is an inspiration to those who follow in her footsteps. Thank you Ruby!



# Cool time, summer on the river



Photos by Rich Pace and John Chalikian



# August Camp, a personal look at AMC's oldest tradition

Story and photos by Susan Weida

August Camp has been a part of the Appalachian Mountain Club's annual routine since 1887, but my first visit came 130 years later-in August 2017. I had plenty of doubts about whether a 65 year old woman should be taking on this kind of a challenge, but armed with plenty of information provided on the August Camp website and from talks with members who had previously attended August Camp, I decided to take the plunge.

This year's August Camp was held in Washington state, near the Columbia River Gorge. It was an area I had visited many years ago, that I knew was very beautiful.

August Camp runs for four weeks during late July and early August and participants can choose to attend one or two weeks. To increase my comfort level, I chose to attend Week 2 when several of our AMC-DV leaders were hike leaders: Lennie Steinmetz, Mark Kern, and Ron Phelps. Since several other DV Chapter members attended this week I also was fortunate enough to find a tent-mate from the DV Chapter.

Probably the most reassuring factor about August Camp was the amount of advance information available on the August Camp website. (<http://www.augustcamp.org/>).

If you have any interest, I urge you to check this out. There are photos from past trips, history of the camp, hike lists, packing lists, daily schedules, etc. here. Although I didn't need to purchase a lot of additional gear, I did need to do some creative work and borrowing to find items needed.

From the moment of arrival at Portland International Airport, I was taken care of by the August Camp volunteer staff. Vans were available to transport us to camp and on arrival we were able to pick out our tent accommodations. The camp is set up by the August Camp Croo (a wonderful group of young people hired to make everything work-more about the food later). Tents are single wall and sturdy and as recommended we brought tarps to make a dry floor. Soon clotheslines and chairs began to appear outside of all the tents. We were beginning to look like a community of the 60 campers who attend each week of August Camp.

Meals are a highlight for all hikers and this year's August Camp Croo did not disappoint. They use a temporary outdoor kitchen and out of it comes absolute magic. Healthy, hearty meals with plenty of options for vegetarians appeared every breakfast and dinner. At the end of the meal a delicious baked treat was served each evening, and two different types of cookies were available for the trail lunch every day.

Mornings begin early with a bugle call for coffee, a polar plunge in the local swimming hole for some hardy souls, and lunch preparation in the lunch tent. Then breakfast and off to hiking.

Many of the options available in the Columbia River Gorge involved the wonderful waterfalls and hikes to the nearby peaks of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens. The weather was crystal clear for the entire week, so views were incredible. And ice cream stops by the volunteer drivers were part of many a day's itinerary.

Following dinner and some relaxation time, the evening campfire begins. First were the hike reports from the day and then hike offerings for the following day were described. August Camp hikes are rated A (most strenuous), B (moderate), and C (easiest hikes). The B hikes worked best for me, especially since we had a significant heat wave during our week of August Camp. After signing up for the next day's hike, there is singing at the campfire and then off to bed.

There were a limited number of additional activities offered at an extra cost during the week- biking along the Columbia River, rafting on the Hood River, and kayaking on the Deschutes and Columbia River.

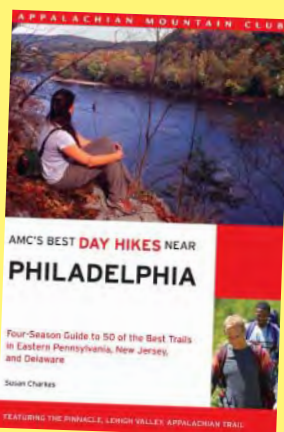
I have heard it said that August Camp is a cycle of sleep, eat, hike, and repeat. That misses one of the best parts of August Camp, which is the chance to meet fellow AMC members who love to hike. Sharing stories, adventures we have had and those we plan to have is one of the best memories I will take away from August Camp. If you want to experience a smoothly run week of fantastic hiking opportunities with fun people, consider signing up for next year's August Camp which will be set in the North Cascades National Park area of Washington. Information is posted on the August Camp web page in the fall, with registration beginning on January 2, 2018.





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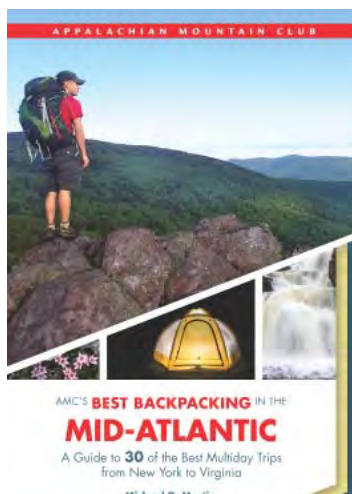
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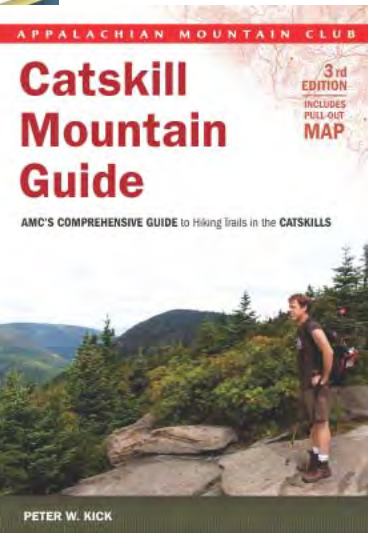
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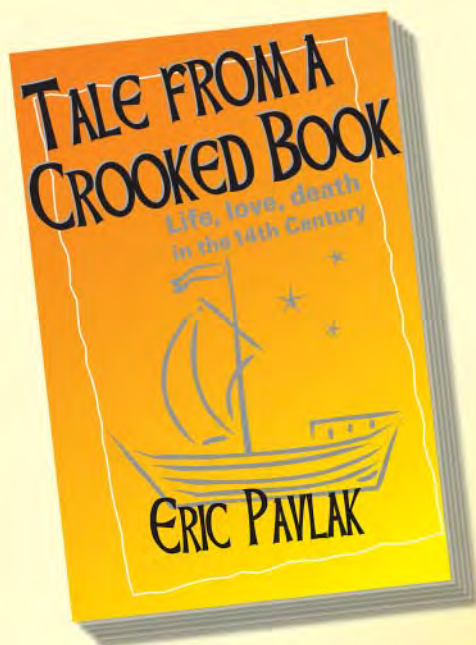


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