



Rosalie Edge, Hawk of Mercy: The Activist Who Saved Nature from the Conservationists

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University of Georgia Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 376 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.9in. Rosalie Edge (1877-1962) was the first American woman to achieve national renown as a conservationist. Dyana Z. Furmansky draws on Edges personal papers and on interviews with family members and associates to portray an implacable, indomitable personality whose activism earned her the names Joan of Arc and hellcat. A progressive New York socialite and veteran suffragist, Edge did not join the conservation movement until her early fifties. Nonetheless, her legacy of achievements--called widespread and monumental by the New Yorker--forms a crucial link between the eras defined by John Muir and Rachel Carson. An early voice against the indiscriminate use of toxins and pesticides, Edge reported evidence about the dangers of DDT fourteen years before Carsons Silent Spring was published. Today, Edge is most widely remembered for establishing Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, the worlds first refuge for birds of prey. Founded in 1934 and located in eastern Pennsylvania, Hawk Mountain was cited in Silent Spring as an especially significant source of data. In 1930, Edge formed the militant Emergency Conservation Committee, which not only railed against the complacency of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Audubon Society,...



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