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The Catskills: An Illustrated Historical Guide With Gazetteer



Synopsis

This scrupulously revised edition offers a comprehensive introduction to the beauty and wonder of the Catskill mountain region. Combining a wealth of information with abundant illustrations, the book falls into four main sections. The first section deals principally with the geography of the area. Part Two focuses on the region's history, with subsections on Railroad Fever, The Romantic Era, War and Revolution, and Famous Hotels. Part Three- devoted to the Catskill's legends, literature, and art-features descriptive passages from the work of such famous writers as James Fenimore Cooper and Washington Irving. The final section is an extensive gazetteer that provides succinct descriptions of the mountains, ranges, rivers, brooks, kills, creeks, and other geographical features of the region.

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This is a fascinating book just loaded with historical information about the Catskills region of New York. Adams divides his book into four major sections (Geography; History; Legends, Literature and Art; and Gazetteer); this last mentioned section is by far the longest (almost half the book) and contains a listing with description of just about every named natural and human associated feature found in the Catskills. Anyone actually visiting the area will find this section very useful and informative. Within the other sections Adams discusses railroads, modern highways, early exploration, famous hotels, famous people, and the art and literature of the region. He relates quite a few legends in full. There are also lots of photos (current and historical). An excellent guide in every way.

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