Foreword
Denis Galvin
“This book offers new perspectives on appreciating and sustaining America’s remarkable system of national parks.”

CHAPTER 1
FROM NATIONAL PARKS TO A NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM
Robert Manning, Rolf Diamant, Nora Mitchell, and David Harmon
“America’s national park system tells the story of our nation’s natural and cultural history and is closer than ever to being as diverse as America itself.”

CHAPTER 2
SENSE OF PLACE
David Harmon
“Every national park can capture our imagination, creating within us a distinctive sense of place that becomes part of how we understand the world.”

CHAPTER 3
CAMPAIGN FOR CONSERVATION
Rolf Diamant
“Much of the history of American conservation is told in many national parks and national historic landmarks across the country.”

CHAPTER 4
“PLACES TO PLAY IN”
Robert Manning
“From the beginning, national parks have offered diverse recreation opportunities while trying to balance the inherent tension between recreation and preservation.”

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LIFELONG LEARNING
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Many national park landscapes are shaped by interactions between people and their environment over time, creating multiple layers of historical, cultural, and ecological values.

The national park system represents the largest network of museums in America and is the steward of over 150 million artifacts that reflect our shared natural and cultural history.

A third of our national parks are located in metropolitan areas, connecting the national park system to new and more diverse constituencies and partners.

A suite of National Park Service programs assists urban areas and rural communities preserve their historic sites, protect open space, and develop recreation opportunities.

Many national parks are working closely with their neighboring communities and nonprofit organizations to conserve large landscapes.

America's national parks have benefited from international exchange, importing as well as exporting good ideas and learning from the experience of other countries.

The range of natural and cultural resources protected in the national parks is expanding to include a suite of vital ecosystem services.
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