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MOST AUTHORS DEDICATE THEIR WORK to their family, the wife, husband, children, and grandchildren. I feel that my family has been amply gratified by sharing with me some of my insatiable quest to chase after the elusive creature of the forest—the mushroom—covering hundreds of square miles of the continent, as well as sharing the pleasure of consuming the quarry.

Instead, I dedicate this book to all who share my love of nature for what it offers in terms of beauty to those willing to open their eyes and for the fruits it provides to all willing to learn, explore, and gather its largesse.

My first steps hunting mushrooms were in the company and under the guidance of my grandfather. Love of this pastime and appreciation of the knowledge I gained from him have enriched all my days since then. I wish to impart the same enjoyment to all willing to take the book, put on a pair of boots, and enter the natural world in which fungi have such an important role.

Mushroom hunting is a truly rewarding pursuit with many dimensions. It provides more physical exercise than golf or fishing and rewards the hunter with something that is healthy and savory on the physical side and a sense of achievement in the game of hide-and-seek on the phrenic, spiritual side.

The novice I urge to take the first steps to learn. Those who have already made a beginning and seek to improve their rate of success I urge to read my book and continue their endeavors. And to all I wish the enjoyment that comes with accomplishment.

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