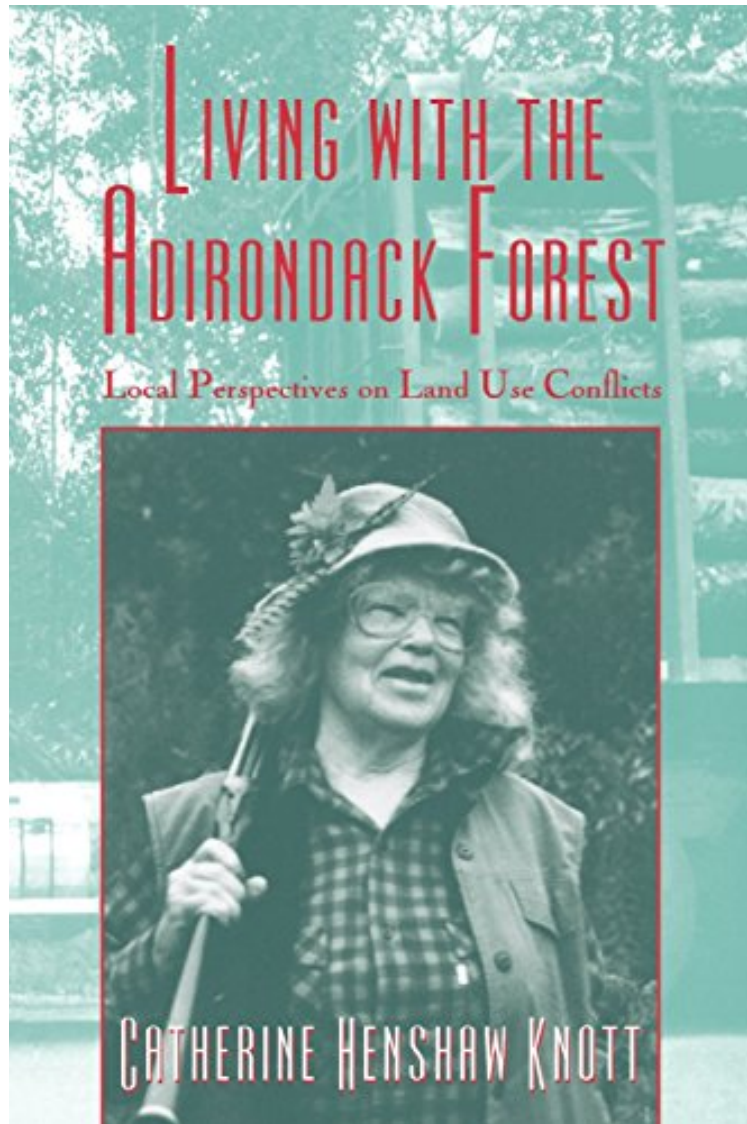


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only intimately aware of the environmental, socio-economic and cultural conditions associated with the Adirondack Park region, she is also a good storyteller, resulting in both an informative and enjoyable read. As a professional land use planner with over thirty years experience, the issues, variety of stakeholder interests and challenges ring true to my own work. They are both universal and, as in all situations, specific to the area. This is a good book for students and young professionals delving into the complex world of land use planning both in the upstate New York area as well as most anywhere. As with so many good books these days, one wishes that a new chapter would be added, updating what has changed and going back to some of the interesting characters in the book to see if even more wisdom comes with age. I found the following reviews helpful for me and recommend them to anyone wishing other perspectives on this fine book. Review in journal CHOICE (Oct. 98): Knott's excellent overview of the issues and perspectives of management and uses of the Adirondack forest draws upon this forest to frame the wider land-use debate taking place across the nation, especially in the Northwest. She explores the conflict that exists wherever logging occurs and the inevitable changing land use patterns that result. She contends that the land-use conflict dialog arises from four differing points of view, depending on the beliefs and experiences of the people involved; these viewpoints are dominated by aesthetics, ecology, land zoning, and local conditions. This anthropological study uses traditional field methods with some unique scientific terminology, but not excessively. Knott conducted some 150 formal interviews as an outside observer; she addresses the question of the human relationship to the ecosystem by exploring and defining the range of attitudes and philosophies held by residents and visitors to the forest, and the contrast between these two general groups. She succeeds at clearly describing the distinction between communities of place and communities of interest and land use, from strict preservation to its exploitation. This book also contributes to the emerging concepts within ecosystem management, using the critical lessons learned in the Adirondack forest as an example. Excellent bibliography; good illustrations; thorough index. General readers; upper-division undergraduates through professionals. (D.L. Richter, Michigan Technological University) Quote from the long but excellent review in the American Anthropologist, Vol. 101. No. 1, March 1999: . . . Because of her ability to situate this local case in relevant national and international contexts, and to understand and empathize with stakeholders who can themselves find no common ground for compromise with one another's views, Knott has crafted a wide-ranging case study filled with insights valuable to any citizen activist, social scientist, or resource professional who is involved in similar land-use debates.

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