

Photos by Joe Mac Hudspeth, Jr.



# Return to the Southern Wild

Through the lens of Joe Mac Hudspeth, Jr. By Lana Turnbull

If there is anyone on your holiday gift list who appreciates the diversity of Mississippi's landscapes, treasures its wildlife, relishes his or her time in the woods away from it all, or has ever dreamed of photographing a sunset so vibrant it seems the whole sky is on fire, *Return to the Southern Wild* by Joe Mac Hudspeth, Jr., is a natural. When you see the "natural" beauty of his photographs, you will know exactly what I mean.

A self-taught photographer, Joe Mac Hudspeth, Jr. has spent over 30 years honing his craft. During this time he has learned perseverance and patience, and has come to accept that one of the keys to shooting a great photograph is knowing that sometimes you will wait hours for it and sometimes you just are in the right place at the right time. All that said however, one look through Hudspeth's latest book and you'll see that there is also tremendous talent and a sincere passion for his subjects that clearly comes through in each photograph.

Hudspeth's photography is a testament to the beauty of the Mississippi outdoors and the abundance and variety of the state's wildlife. Although he has traveled the United States, the majority of his published work was shot right at home in Mississippi, some literally in his own backyard. The perspective he gives us from behind his lens is eye-opening. It is an invaluable lesson in the art of looking for the beauty that is all around us.

*Return to the Southern Wild* is available for sale in bookstores throughout the state, or at [www.southernfocus.com](http://www.southernfocus.com).



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"I think my work is set apart because I go out into the wild, where the animals are alert and aware, and this makes a difference."

~ Hudspeth

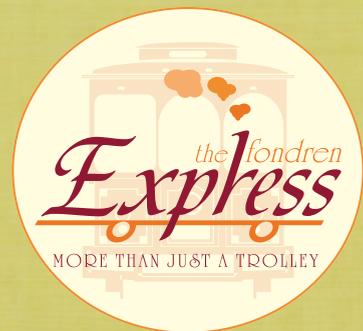


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