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A River's Pleasure: Essays in Honor of John Cronin

John Cronin's abiding love of the Hudson River has guided his work to make it a better place. He has raised the public's awareness and helped show us the steps we need to take to protect the river. This collection is a fitting tribute to a man whose leadership has been a great resource to the State of New York.

George Pataki
Former Governor, State of New York

If we had not been blessed with a John Cronin at this delicate moment in the long life of our beloved Hudson, we would have been forced to create one. But we got lucky. At just the right time he appeared, as conscience, as goad, as advocate, as a flesh and blood voice who must be heard, who could not be denied. He was just right. How rare is that.

Fred LeBrun
Columnist, *Albany Times Union*

Few people, if any, know the Hudson inch-by-inch as John Cronin does after years of kayaking, canoeing, motoring and walking its shores in its defense. John has been a key driver in the transformation of the Hudson, a true hero of the River. His journey from legislative assistant to Riverkeeper to founding CEO of the Beacon Institute has been an ever-expanding vision of how rivers, wildlife, humanity, industry, transportation and agriculture can learn to coexist in mutually beneficial means for a sustainably healthy river system.

Brian Ruder
Chair, Board of Trustees, The Beacon Institute

There's a high art form practiced by those who find and communicate the most persuasive elements of their causes. There effective people have passion, eloquence, and wisdom, and they allow us to contribute fluidly towards ongoing successes. John Cronin is one of these people. John and I both share a passion for the Hudson River, and independently we have both worked with many Hudson River groups, but I have learned the most from John himself about how to be a truly effective steward and activist for the river. These essays reveal John and let us glimpse the magic of his persuasive power.

Dar Williams
Singer, Songwriter, Activist