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So writes John Daniel in the introduction to his latest book of essays, *The Far Corner*. Daniel writes from the ground he walks on and the landscape he inhabits, spinning narratives that seek to define how he belongs to the land and to life itself. He takes the reader to beaches, old-growth forests, and deep river canyons—wild places, and places scarred by human exploitation—and leads us also through inner landscapes where he explores mortality, creativity, and spirituality.

This collection extends John Daniel's earlier work in the personal essay form.



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