

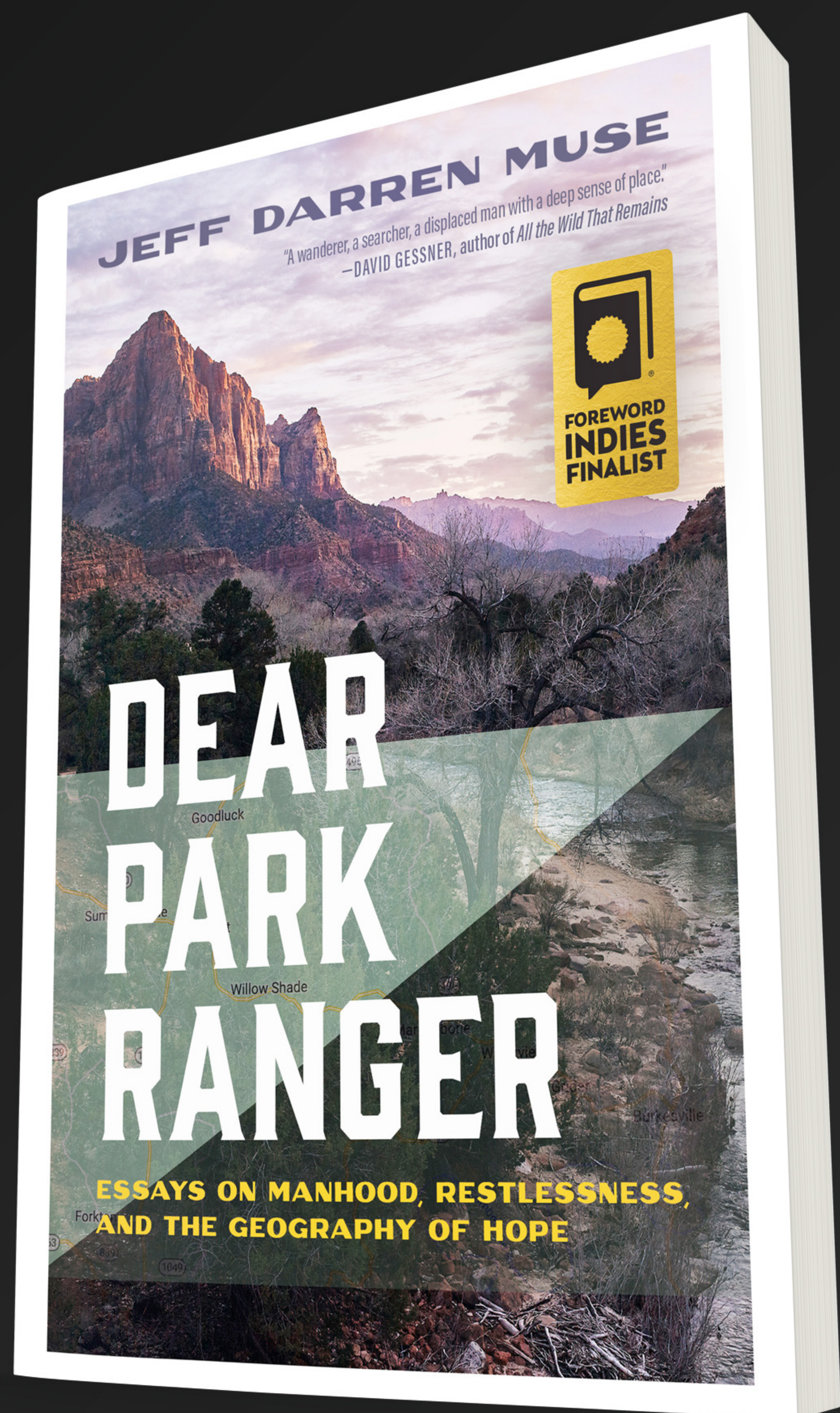
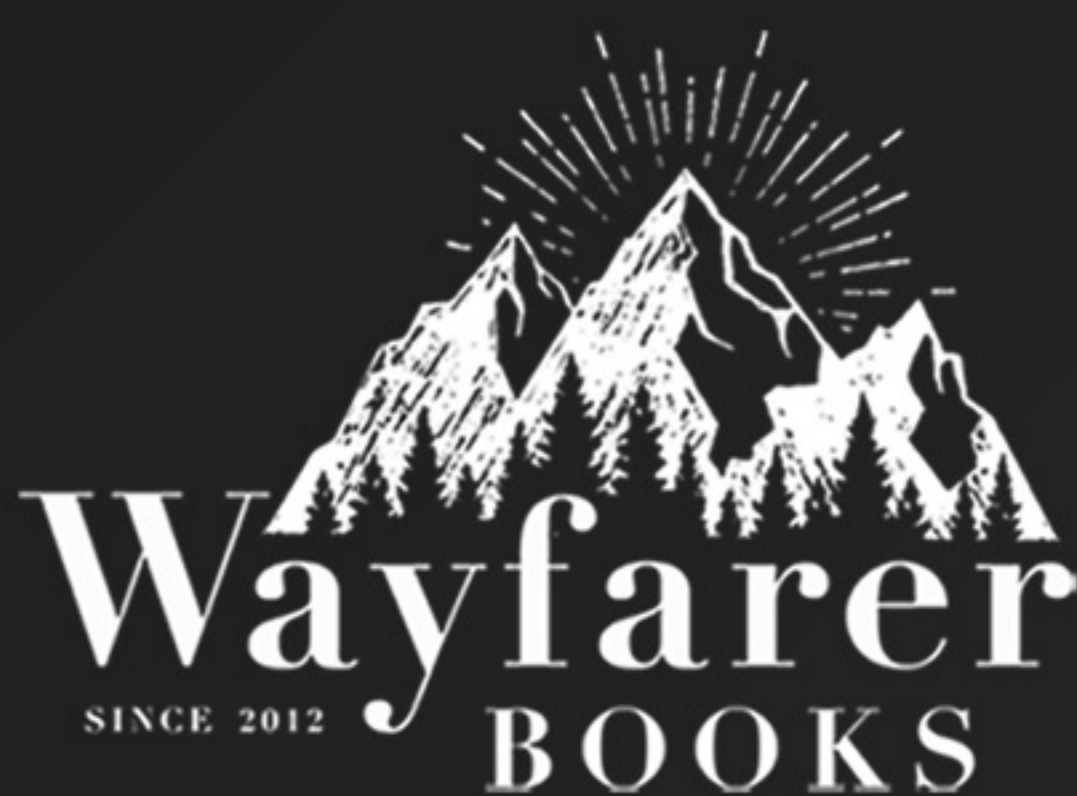
Dear Park Ranger

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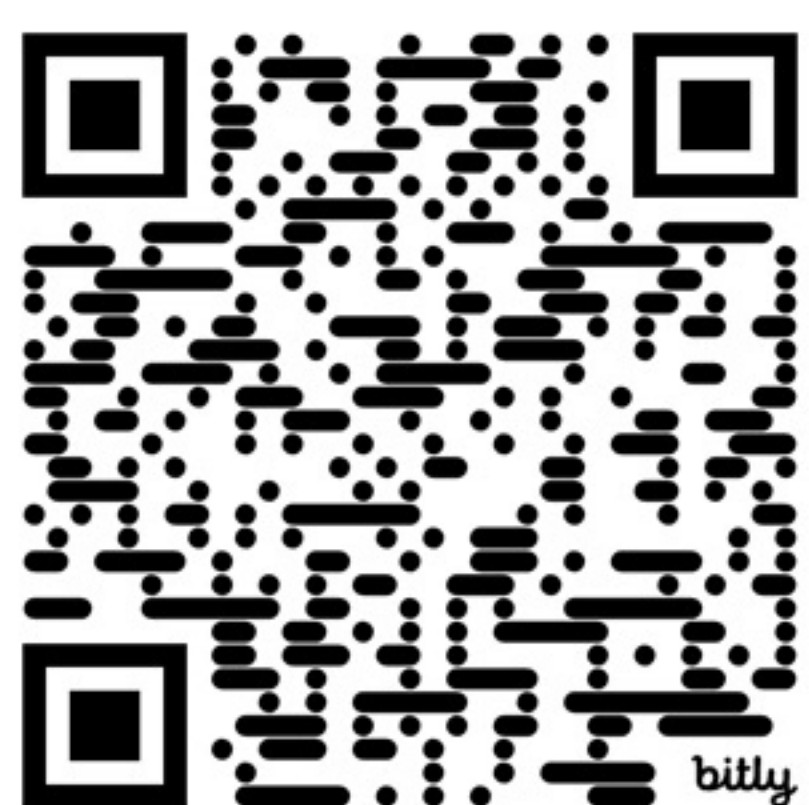
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Raised amid the cornfields of Indiana, JEFF DARREN MUSE is a resilient Hoosier who couldn't stay in one place for long. Despite growing up without a father and having no children of his own, he pursued a life of adventure and learning. Armed with master's degrees in both science and creative writing, he has worked across the United States as an environmental educator, historical interpreter, and park ranger. His debut book, *Dear Park Ranger*, is now an award-winning work. In 2023, Jeff and his wife, also a park ranger, returned to Indiana, where he began his most personal battle—his own fight with brain cancer. Despite these challenges, Jeff remains engaged in life and writing. His work continues to explore nature, culture, family dynamics, and personal struggles, with his recent experiences informing much of his current work. He invites readers to inquire about his book or his journey with cancer.



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