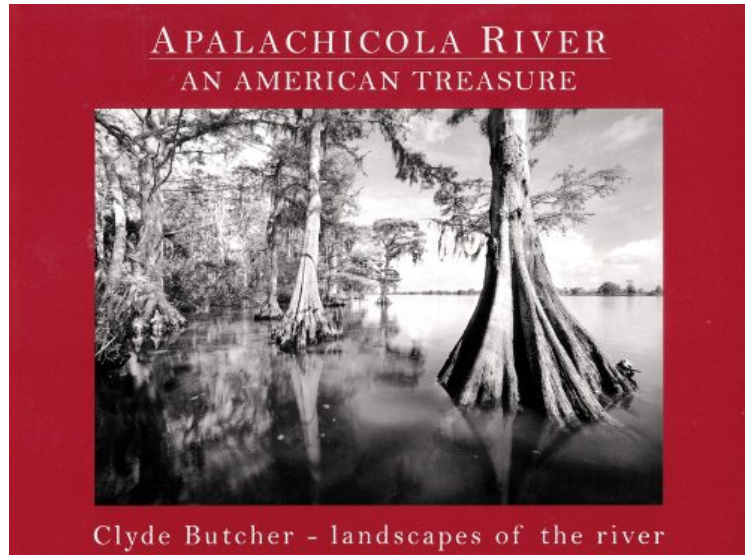


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The United Nations declared the year 2002 as The Year of the Mountains and encouraged countries all over the world to have environmental conferences regarding the conservation of mountains. The Conference for the Caribbean and the Americas was held in Cuba, and Clyde Butcher was invited to photograph the mountains of Cuba for the conference. He spent three weeks photographing from the Sierra Maestra of the east coast to the mogote region of the west coastrain forests, waterfalls, and cliffs that drop off into a perfect ocean. The beauty and majesty of Cubas natural landscape are captured in his intimate compositions, their focus on shape and light, the horizon and the sky.

"Clyde's awe-inspiring photographs offer a window into many wondrous aspects of the river. . . . Clyde has immortalized another piece of Florida's natural and cultural heritage for generations to enjoy."Clyde Butcher and the Apalachicola River are a perfect marriage. . . . In this book, Clyde's classic black and white photographs of natural Florida are joined with the mystical beauty of the Apalachicola."About the AuthorClyde Butcher has recently been honored by the State of Florida with the highest award that can be given to a private citizen, the Artists Hall of Fame Award, for his photographic excellence. He has also received the Conservation Colleague Award from The Nature Conservancy, and the Sierra Clubs Ansel Adams Conservation Award, given for excellence in photography and

contributions to the public awareness of the environment. He was also chosen Person of the Week on the ABC Peter Jennings Evening News program, and has received the Heartland Community Service Award from the State of Florida.