

Dedications

This book is dedicated to my parents, Paul and Lydia Keener, who, with gifts of microscopes, lightning bugs, and love, inspired my sense of wonder and to my son, Elliott Parker Chavis—may he find inner contentment and reserves of strength in the miraculous beauty of the natural world.

Paula Keener-Chavis

...for my children, Will, Eric and Kaylie,
in whom I hope to instill a love for science, nature,
and man-kind.

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