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Rosalie Edge, Hawk of Mercy: The Activist Who Saved Nature from the Conservationists (Hardback)

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University of Georgia Press, United States, 2009. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This is the first full-length biography of a remarkable woman driven to preserve our natural heritage. Rosalie Edge (1877-1962) was the first American woman to achieve national renown as a conservationist. Dyana Z. Furmansky draws on Edge's personal papers and on interviews with family members and associates to portray an implacable, indomitable personality whose activism earned her the names Joan of Arc and hellcat. A progressive New York socialite and veteran suffragist, Edge did not join the conservation movement until her early fifties. Nonetheless, her legacy of what the New Yorker called widespread and monumental achievements forms a crucial link between the eras defined by John Muir and Rachel Carson. An early voice against the indiscriminate use of toxins and pesticides, Edge reported evidence about the dangers of DDT fourteen years before Carson's *Silent Spring* was published. Today, Edge is most widely remembered for establishing Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, the world's first refuge for birds of prey. Founded in 1934 and located in eastern Pennsylvania, Hawk Mountain was cited in *Silent Spring* as an especially significant source...



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