

## All About 'Gators

For at least 65 million years, the alligator has inhabited the North American continent. These ancient reptiles are one of the few direct links to the Age of the Dinosaur.

A new book from the Johns Hopkins University Press combines art, science, history, folklore, land ethics and literature to tell the story of America's southern landscape and one of its most evocative creatures. *Alligators, Prehistoric Presence in the American Landscape* features the photographs of Martha A. Strawn, who spent nine years photographing alligators in freshwater marshes and swamps, lakes and ponds, rivers, bayous, brackish estuaries and saltwater coastal marshes from Texas to North Carolina.

Three personal essays bring home the relationship between 'gators and humans: "Memories of Gator Hunts" by alligator hunter LeRoy Overstreet; "Living in the Wetlands" by Jane Gibson, a conservation anthropologist; and "Living With Alligators" by ecologist Whit Gibbons.

*Alligators, Prehistoric Presence in the American Landscape* is \$39.95.

