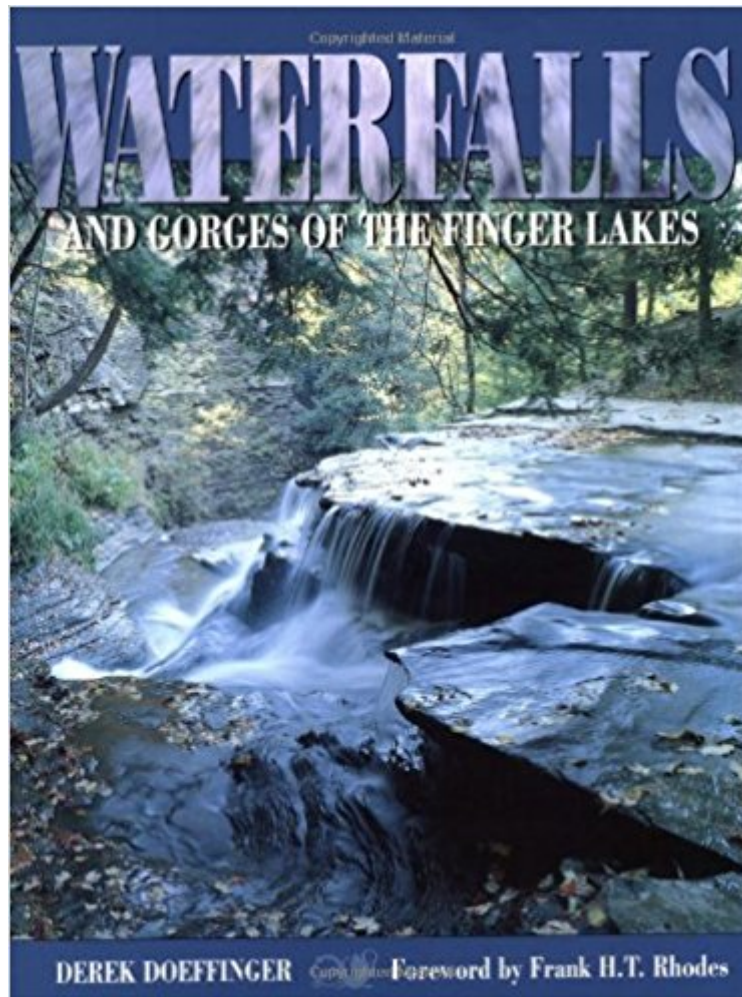


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# Waterfalls And Gorges Of The Finger Lakes



## Synopsis

The Finger Lakes region is an area of unusual beauty highlighted by a remarkable number of glorious waterfalls; some highly visible and majestic and others hidden and subtle; and these photographs are the result of years visiting and revisiting these falls, expertly capturing their changing faces with the changing seasons.

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I have to confess: I love waterfalls, and as a consequence I love waterfall books. I own a lot of them (and I'm working on writing one myself right now!), so I've given a lot of thought to the genre. Some of these books are ugly but useful: they have plodding prose and poor photographs, but they tell you where the waterfalls are clearly and accurately. Some of these books are merely beautiful: great prose or great pictures, but little information. A few unfortunates are neither beautiful nor useful. But rarest of all are the books packed with both beauty and information. Derek Doeffinger's "Waterfalls and Gorges of the Finger Lakes" is one of these rare gems. The photography is flawless: both grand vistas and intimate details are recorded with sensitivity and grace. The two-page spread of Taughannock Falls on pages 64-65 is the only photograph I've ever seen that begins to capture the sublime grandeur and beauty of that waterfall. And the prose is crisp and clear and endearing. The structure of the book at first left me puzzled: It didn't proceed from big to small falls, or from northern to southern falls, or from more developed to wilder falls. After a while I caught on: the photos are arranged by *season*: summer, then fall, then winter, then spring. There are no chapter headings to

tell the reader "you're out of summer into fall now". The message is instead delivered subtly: the waterfall names are printed in green for summer, orange for autumn, cold blue for winter, and warming violet for spring. I admire Doeffinger for trusting his reader to pick up on subtle clues, implicitly if not explicitly. The section on "ten gorges to visit" is packed with information.

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