Satellites *in the* High Country

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for the Wild
in the Age of Man*

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“Jason Mark is a great person to share an adventure with, whether out on the Arctic tundra or on the page. *Satellites in the High Country* is an engrossing exploration of the ever-evolving definition of what is ‘wild’ in America—which often reveals as much about us as it does about wilderness in the twenty-first century.”

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“*Satellites in the High Country* is a brave and vigorous exploration of wilderness—its meaning, its necessity, its thunderous, rock-strewn reality. Jason Mark guides the reader across mountain passes and Arctic tussocks on a journey that is at once physical, philosophical, and political. His feet may be bruised, but his voice is strong, honest, and compelling. Read this book for an insightful and much-needed update on the centrality of wilderness in the contemporary American mind.”

—**Kathleen Dean Moore**, author of *Great Tide Rising*

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For those who cannot live without wild things

What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and wildness? Let them be left,
O let them be left, wildness and wet;
Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.

— Gerald Manley Hopkins, “Inversnaid”

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