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Kate's first book came out in 2001, aptly titled "Raptor of the Rockies" and was geared toward younger audiences. For her second book "Falcons of North America," she teamed up with award-winning photographers Rob Palmer and Nick Dunlop. Two years in the making, this volume is a mixture of science and stunning images. She again collaborated with Rob and Nick for "Raptors of the West"- which won the National Outdoor Book Award for Design and Artistic Merit, and grand prize for the Montana Book Award 2011. Her fourth book, "Bald Eagle Nest: A story of survival in photos," has 135 of her images of a Bald Eagle nest that fledged four young. The next book,

American Kestrel:Pint-sized Predator" came out in 2014 with more than 100 photographs again with Rob Palmer, because "Everyone loves a kestrel!"

Book six came out in 2016 – "Birds Are People, Too" a different slant on birds and photography, humor with 120 bird action shots of 62 species so not just raptors this time. "It's a riot!" "Falcons of North America Second Edition" is out now! 13 years of new science and more than 260 photographs from Rob, Nick and Kate, with 160 new action images. Signed copies from Kate!

Kate was presented the greatest of honors in 2017—the Lifetime Conservation Achievement Award, only periodically given in Montana. Plus, she and raptors are celebrating thirty-three years of education, and with young Teaching Team birds now, no retirement in sight.

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