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Eastern National Releases New National Park Books and Educational Products

Fort Washington, PA—Eastern National has announced that the following new or revised titles are now available:

1. ***Seen the Glory: The Story of the Oldest Person of Our Country 1820-1943***, second edition—One of the most unique characters in the history of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was Mark Thrash. Mark was born into slavery on December 25, 1820, in Louisa County, Virginia and lived to extreme old age. After the Battle of Chickamauga, he helped bury the dead and was eventually employed at Chickamauga Park from 1893 to 1922. At the age of 101, Mark was the oldest person ever on the United States Government payroll. Mark Thrash was a folklore institution at the battlefield, regaling visitors to his cabin with anecdotes and reminiscences about local history and Civil War notables he had met. After his death in 1943, he was buried in nearby Chickamauga, Georgia.

Author:	Stephen O. Addison
Description:	Softcover; 80 pages; 6" x 9"; full-color cover; black and white throughout
ISBN:	1-59091-057-5
EN Item No.:	2-16653
Retail Price:	\$9.95

Available by calling the Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP bookstore at (706) 866-9287 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

2. ***Making Their Mark: The Signature of Slavery at Mammoth Cave***—This new title chronicles the lives of slaves who served the Mammoth Cave Estate. During more than 125 years of private ownership, the world passed through iron gates into Mammoth Cave's entrance. By 1840, the most affluent of travelers ventured into Mammoth Cave's darkness, following young men who were bound by slavery. When visitors recorded accounts of their Mammoth Cave experiences in journals and diaries, they also wrote about their encounters with enslaved or freed black guides and hotel servants. In sharing their memories, the authors gave these cave guides an immortality only the written word can give. The book also features historical photos.

Author:	Joy Medley Lyons
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Description: Softcover; 72 pages; 6" x 9"; two-color cover; black and white throughout
ISBN: 1-59091-037-0
EN Item No.: 2-52550
Retail Price: \$4.95

Available by calling the Mammoth Cave NP bookstore at (270) 758-2344 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

3. *Mammoth Cave: Forgotten Stories of Its People*—For the majority of the 1.5 million people who visit Mammoth Cave National Park each year, the cave, forest trails and Green River are the major attractions. Little known are the small isolated communities that were inhabited for more than a century before the park’s creation. Traces of forgotten homesteads, now almost indistinguishable from the surrounding forests, are all that remain of these small communities.

Taken from court documents and personal interviews, the author writes about the struggles and livelihood of the people who inhabited the region now within Mammoth Cave National Park. These stories sketch the early pioneers and human interest stories of their descendants—their schools, industries, tragedies, and humor that surrounded their lives.

Author: Norman Warnell
Description: Softcover; 208 pages; 6" x 9"; full-color cover; black and white throughout
ISBN: 1-59091-050-8
EN Item No.: 2-53180
Retail Price: \$12.95

Available by calling the Mammoth Cave NP bookstore at (270) 758-2344 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

4. *Simply “Father”: Life with Theodore Roosevelt As Seen through the Eyes of His Children*—A work of historical fiction, *Simply “Father”* uses the collective voice of the Roosevelt children to tell the story of their life with Theodore Roosevelt. Through photographs, picture letters, and quotes, the book accurately describes Roosevelt family life and creates the understanding of a man who was accessible to children as well as a father figure who loved his family and home. The book is meant to have the look of a family album from the 1900s. This new Eastern National publication is well-illustrated and, although primarily written for the younger reader, will appeal to readers of all ages.

Author: Toby Selda
Description: Softcover; 28 pages; 11" x 8.5"; two-color cover; two-color throughout
ISBN: 978-1-59091-030-6
EN Item No.: 2-54735
Retail Price: \$7.95

Available by calling the Sagamore Hill NHS bookstore at (516) 922-7866 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

5. *2007 Passport To Your National Parks Stamp Set*—Issued annually, this commemorative series features ten stamps that highlight the diversity of our national parks. The 2007 national stamp honors Kalaupapa National Historical Park. Parks featured on the nine regional stamps are:

1. North Atlantic Region: Springfield Armory National Historic Site
2. Mid-Atlantic Region: Catoctin Mountain Park
3. National Capital Region: George Mason Memorial
4. Southeast Region: Fort Pulaski National Monument
5. Midwest Region: Homestead National Monument of America
6. Southwest Region: Amistad National Recreation Area
7. Rocky Mountain Region: Cedar Breaks National Monument
8. Western Region: Mojave National Preserve
9. Pacific Northwest & Alaska Region: Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve

Description: 10 full-color stamps; 8" x 9 1/2" sheet
 EN Item No.: 3-30230
 Retail Price: \$3.95

Available in many Eastern National bookstores; online in the America's National Parks bookstore at www.eParks.com; or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

6. *Intimate Views: Acadia National Park, Mount Desert Island, Maine*—While many painters of Mount Desert Island offer scenic vistas or well-known landmarks, artist Phyllis Rees follows a road less traveled, presenting segments of trailside nature that appeal to her eye—and to ours. There, in a flooded meadow or a rippling brook, she finds an essence that has its own special drama and remarkable beauty. These wonderful watercolors are accompanied by the painter's own words about the landscape before her.

Author & Illustrator: Phyllis Rees
 Description: Softcover; 56 pages; 8.5" x 11"; full-color cover; full-color throughout
 ISBN: 1-59091-055-9
 EN Item No.: 2-52860
 Retail Price: \$17.95

Available by calling the Acadia NP bookstore at (207) 288-4988 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

7. *The Indiana Dunes*—Stephen Mather wanted to save the Indiana Dunes. In 1916 the first director of the National Park Service called them “admittedly wonderful and inherently distinctive.” He recommended that “a large section of this dune region should be preserved for all time,” as Sand Dunes National Park. Forty years later, Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois was continuing Mather's quest for a federal preserve in the Indiana Dunes (a state park had been opened in 1926). This book, the park's top-selling sales item, has over fifty stunning color photographs to help tell the incredible story of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's diverse habitats, early peoples, and recent peoples who helped create the dunes.

Author: Larry Waldron
 Photographer: Bob Daum
 Description: Softcover; 52 pages; 8.5" x 11"; full-color cover; full-color throughout
 ISBN: 978-1-59091-065-8
 EN Item No.: 2-30908
 Retail Price: \$13.95

Available by calling the Indiana Dunes NL bookstore at (219) 926-2255 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

8. ***A Guide to Effigy Mounds National Monument***—This full-color handbook features text, photographs, maps and illustrations that describe American Indian pre-history and mound-building cultures near Effigy Mounds National Monument in Harpers Ferry, Iowa. European settlement history and the establishment of the national monument is supplemented by tips to visiting and hiking the park. This has been the park's best-selling publication since its introduction in May, 2000.

Author:	Dennis Lenzendorf
Description:	Softcover; 132 pages; 6" x 9"; full-color cover; full-color throughout
ISBN:	978-1-59091-063-4
EN Item No.:	2-35744
Retail Price:	\$15.95

Available by calling the Effigy Mounds NM bookstore at (563) 873-3491 or by calling Eastern National toll-free at (877) NAT-PARK (628-7275).

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