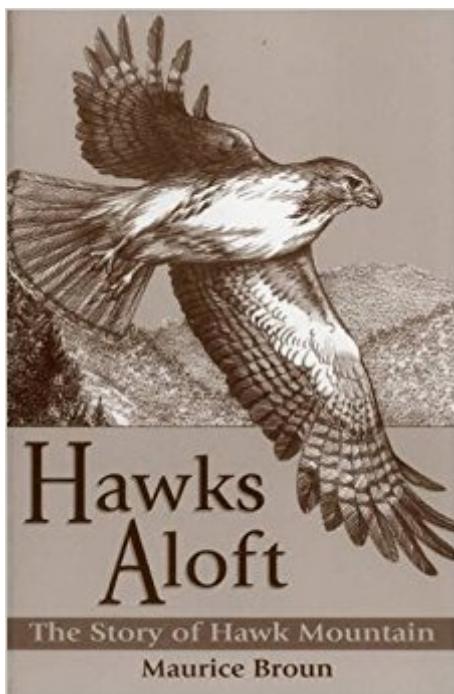


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# Hawks Aloft: The Story Of Hawk Mountain



## **Synopsis**

Chronicles the founding of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, the world's first refuge for birds of prey. This personal account by the Sanctuary's first curator shares the difficulties and discoveries he and his wife encountered during their first years on the mountain. Published in coordination with the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association.

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"For years many of us have hoped that Maurice Broun would put this story, as well as some of his knowledge of hawks, between covers. . . . Like the drama of the egrets, it is one of the great heart-warming stories of bird conservation." -- Roger Tory Peterson

Maurice Broun was one of the major figures of his generation in the field of conservation. He served as curator of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary from 1934 to 1966.

"Hawks Aloft": The Story of Hawk Mountain, by Maurice Broun "Charming" is the exact word to describe this book. Its' abundant charm emanates from three fundamental qualities. First is author Broun's considerable talent as a writer and teller of tales. That talent includes a sharp eye for Humanity; a warm, confident enjoyment of people and a subdued but engaging sense of Humor. Second is the fact that it is quite dated to a much different America yet still within the memory of some. It is from the 1930's and 40's - a time when radio was still described as a miracle. It was first

copyrighted in 1948 - the year the National Science Review declared that the new-fangled gimmick called "television" would never catch on because its' broadcast range was only about 200 miles. It was a time when people could still live lives to please themselves and many husbands and wives still thought of themselves as teammates. Yes, Broun is rough on "hunters". But he was talking about, and to, the hunters of that day - not the hunters of today. Back then the gap between hunters and conservationists was 100 miles wide and twice as deep and there was plenty of venom on both sides. But Broun doesn't belabor the anti-hunting credo and I'm certain he would have a much different attitude toward hunters today. Thirdly, it is a "Win-Win" Success story, one of the all-too-rare Success stories in which Mankind and Nature both win.

I Love this book! As a Veterinary student with an specialization in Avian Medicine and Wildlife Conservation and Rehabbing, this book is exactly in my area of interest. I have lived in Pennsylvania most of my life and I will be making my first trip to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in the Spring. It is a great historical read for anyone interested in Birds, Wildlife, Conservation and the state of Pennsylvania. And because the book details the history of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, I'll be able to appreciate the Mountain and the Raptors even more when I see it for the first time myself next Spring.

A wonderful, personal history of Hawk Mountain, one of my favorite places.

This is the poetry of a man who loved the world and all its creatures, including humanity. Maurice Broun's words evoke the passage of time, the rhythm of the seasons. His passion for life pours forth from every page. And perhaps no other book better exemplifies the beauty of autumn raptor flights. This book is blessed!

If you're a fairly serious birder, this book is a must for your bird library. It gives the history and many anecdotes about the famous Hawk Mountain.

I bought this for my mother for christmas and she is absolutely thrilled with it. Very good book and written well.

Hawk Mountain is my favorite place in the entire world, and when I received my copy of this book, I immediately started reading. I couldn't put it down. The narrative is spellbinding; among his other

many talents, Broun was an excellent writer. The photographs add an extra dimension to the story of the sanctuary and make the manuscript come alive. It was especially meaningful to me as someone who is so familiar with and fond of the place, but even someone who has never seen it can't fail to be moved by the passion and the conviction with which the sanctuary founders moved forward with their vision. Highly recommended.

A true conservation classic. Anyone who has visited Hawk Mountain will appreciate this book. The wholesale slaughter of the 20's and 30's of hawks passing over the Pennsylvania mountain is vividly described and will outrage any nature lover. Broun also poetically describes the beauty and solitude of life on the mountain in all seasons. Highly recommended! Stephen Rees. Abington, Pa.

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