

**Jon Waterman bio:**

Jon Waterman's immersive explorations of wilderness and environmental issues are distilled within his 17 books and five films, including ESPN's Emmy-winning "Surviving Denali" and National Geographic's bestselling *Atlas of the National Parks*. His mission is to inspire readers to protect the planet's natural wonders. His book *Into the Thaw: Witnessing Wonder Amid the Arctic Climate Crisis* (Patagonia, October 2024) is drawn from some of his life's most profound journeys. In 2026, National Geographic will release Waterman's *Atlas of Historic America*. His wide-ranging expeditions include a first winter ascent of Denali's Cassin Ridge, kayaking North America's Northwest Passage, dogsledding up Canada's Mount Logan, sailing to Hawaii, and boating the Colorado River from source to sea. By taking risks and tackling difficult issues, his work transcends traditional outdoor yarns and has garnered numerous awards, such as a Literary Fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts.