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What I Know About Death and Resurrection

For K.A. Hays

The dead fawn, bloated in the roadside heat the last two days,
is alive again. Her side twitches as maggots writhe
the rib-cage, commas trying to connect the brief distance
between life and death. The Gospels leave out the fact
that when Christ called forth the man who'd been dead
for four days, those who loved him rushed forward
to wash the stink from his flesh. Soon there will be nothing
left, except the leather of the deer's casing, the polished
sticks of its bones, tent poles to prop up faith
when this second life departs.

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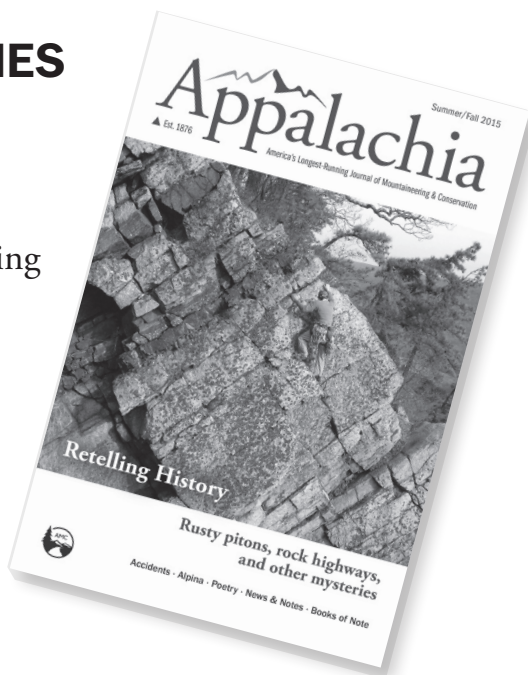
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