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**Turtles On A Log  
At The Back Of The View**

I'm tipped off by turtle-wide  
black ribbons cleared  
through pond scum and duckweed:

brush strokes on pale green  
mottled silk, a rune  
about the shallow room

inhabited by most species  
including ours,  
meandering here under the trees:

how much it feels like heaven  
to claw up, pull out, lean  
into this last sun.

*Polly Brown*

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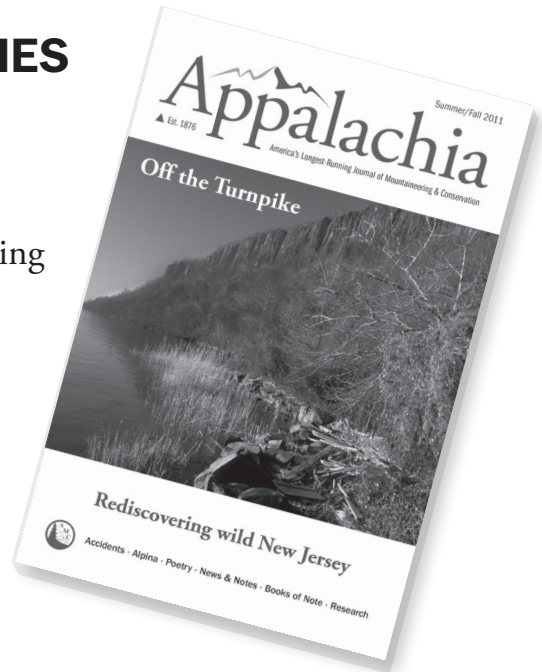
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