# Painting North Carolina: *A Visual Journey*

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#### **DEDICATION**

Painting North Carolina: A Visual Journey was inspired by the many talented artists I have met or had the pleasure to paint with, teach or take workshops from. We are all students on this creative journey, with a unique way of looking at the world. This book is an opportunity to share our view and passion for the many beautiful scenes across North Carolina.

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