



About the Cover

There is no more interesting character than "Dallas" whom I have featured on the cover for September.

Back in 2005, Dallas began his quest to build a raft, out of the most impossible junk you have ever seen, and float it down the Hudson River to New York City.

As I looked into all this nonsense and saw the following that he had developed, I began to realize that this was more than just adventure.

It was Dallas Trombley's way of putting some meaning into his life in a rather unique way.

So unique was it that Cory Kilgannon of the New York Times, and Outside Magazine both wrote in depth stories about him and his trips.

Since I was in regular contact with him on his trips it came to pass on one of them that his adventure really ended with a bang.

Dallas called me from his raft while in Newburgh Bay and said, "I think I am in trouble, my raft is falling apart and it is getting very dark in the west over Newburgh."

I took one look at the weather online and saw that a huge thunderstorm was coming directly at him.

Lucky for him Lex Filipowski, a dear friend of mine, was on the water fairly close to where the raft was falling apart. Alerting

Lex on his cell he went over to Dallas in his boat and began towing the raft south to Cold Spring Yacht Club.

The winds were picking up and the sky was getting very dark, as Lex came to the Cold Spring Dock. Just as they arrived and untied the towline between them, a bolt of lightning struck a metal pole right near the two boats. Now the wind and rain came in torrents.

They ran for cover and waited for the storm to stop. That was a very dramatic end to one of Dallas's trips.

Of course Dallas continued to build other rafts and had all sorts of adventures both in building the rafts and on the water.

What I never knew until I read his two-volume book on his adventures was what an expert writer and storyteller he is.

Trombley uses his seven years of experience at the New York State Legislature to enrich his political and historical non-fiction writing. He draws on his varied experiences when writing fiction. Trombley has been employed as a pharmacy technician, a gas-tank repairer, an insurance clerk, a truck stop bartender, a substitute teacher, an independent tutor, a server at a Mexican restaurant, a house painter, and as the Senior Analyst for the Labor and Insurance Committees at the New York State Legislature.

Trombley was featured in The New York Times and Outside. The most enjoyable part of publishing a magazine about the Hudson River is all the wonderful characters that you meet!

This is a two-volume book that can be purchased on Amazon or for that matter at one of his autograph signings that will take place throughout September and October at different locations up and down the Hudson River.

I will make a prediction that Dallas Trombley's writing will explain the ins and outs of the New York State Legislature to a lot of people. Dallas was a "fly on the wall" in many of the laws that were enacted while he worked there. He brings a tremendous amount of talent to explaining to the average New York State resident how things work in Albany!

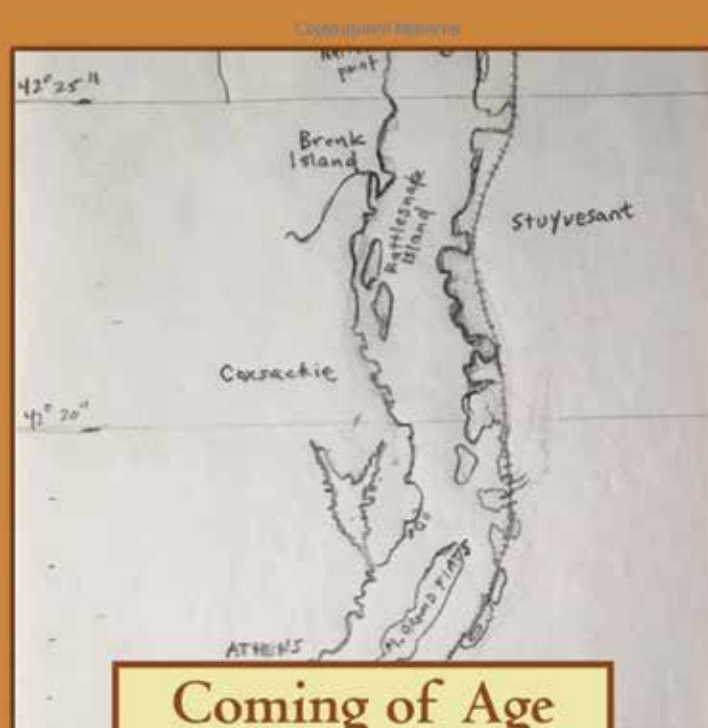
His public appearances will be noted on Boating on the Hudson, Facebook and on DallasTrombley.Com

You can also purchase his two-volume book set at Amazon.com and bring it to his book signings for his autograph.

I am convinced that one day his autograph on these original books of COMING OF AGE ON THE HUDSON RIVER will be very valuable.



Dallas at work on a raft.



Coming of Age on the Hudson Volume I

IN WHICH I MAKE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO FLOAT FROM ALBANY TO MANHATTAN BETWEEN 2006 AND 2010, AND IN THE PROCESS, BECOME A CITIZEN AND A MAN

DALLAS TROMBLEY