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Monnelly, Dorothy Kerper. *Between Land and Sea: The Great Marsh*. George Braziller. 2007. c.160p. photogs. ISBN 0-8076-1578-1 [ISBN 978-0-8076-1578-2]. \$50. NAT HIST

This oversized photo book is one woman's tribute to the Great Salt Marsh—more than 20,000 acres running up the Atlantic Ocean along the Massachusetts coast to the border of New Hampshire. Taken from Monnelly's original gelatin silver prints, these 57 large-format, black-and-white images range from long-distance shots of tree-filled islands perfectly mirrored in a body of cloud-spotted water to an almost microscopic shot of a perfect oak leaf frozen in the waters of Gravelly Brook, Ipswich, MA. In an essay, journalist Doug Stewart ties together the beauty and inherent fragility of this unique ecosystem, while Monnelly uses images. This beautiful and generally affordable monographic work is both a tribute to and a record of a true natural wonder. Its lack of scientific data/history makes it of limited use to natural historians or ecologists; as such, it is not recommended for academic or school libraries. Special collection libraries or specialized libraries that focus on nature photography/estuarine studies may, however, be interested in rounding out their collections with this title. — *Susan E. Brazer, Salisbury Univ. Lib., MD*