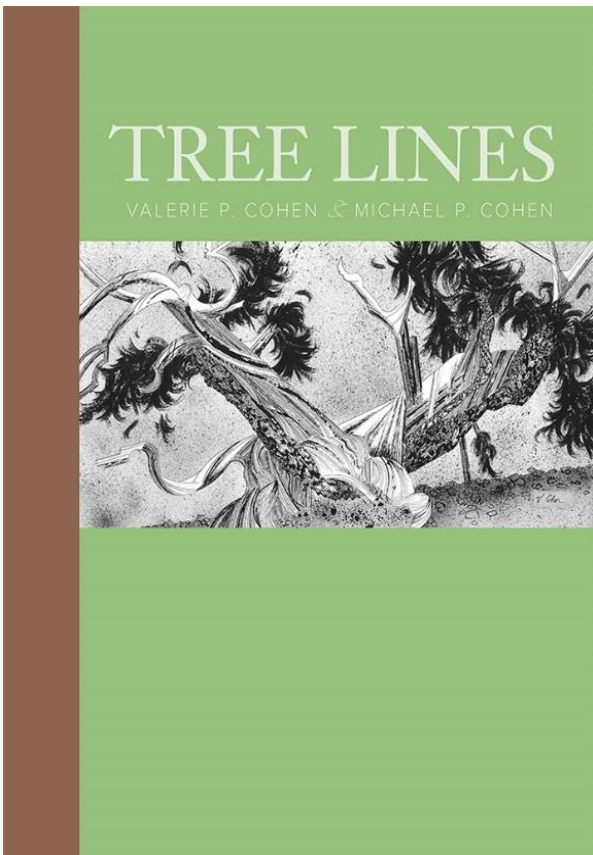


Tree Lines

Valerie P. Cohen and Michael P. Cohen

*A blend of art and literature
that pays homage to majestic
high-altitude pines*



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Valerie P. Cohen is an accomplished artist who has written and illustrated several books. She splits her time between Reno, NV and June Lake, CA.

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This is a book whose core is twenty-eight India ink drawings of pines that grow at high altitudes in the mountain ranges of the American West. Some of these trees—bristlecone pines—began life 5,000 years ago and are still alive. Other even older bristlecones still stand as graceful skeletons. These, by Valerie P. Cohen, will take you to desolate, silent wilderness where nobody has gone before, except Native American hunters long ago.

Brief narratives by Michael P. Cohen accompany the images, the writing well-researched yet spare and engaging. The artist and the writer will let you feel what it is like to be among these trees: calm, cold, alone, walking on shattered limestone above timberline, breathing the thinnest air, finding your way with or without a map, perhaps getting lost for awhile. And you will learn how an artist thinks and draws. Valerie Cohen and Michel Cohen bring a lifetime of scholarship in literature, history, and the environment to this work.

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“This truly unique and powerful book is the culmination of a lifetime of close observation, scholarship, and artistry. This is a significant contribution to the literature, not just of California, Nevada, and the Great Basin, but to the world, and particularly to the crucial intersection of art, humanities, science, and the environment.”

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