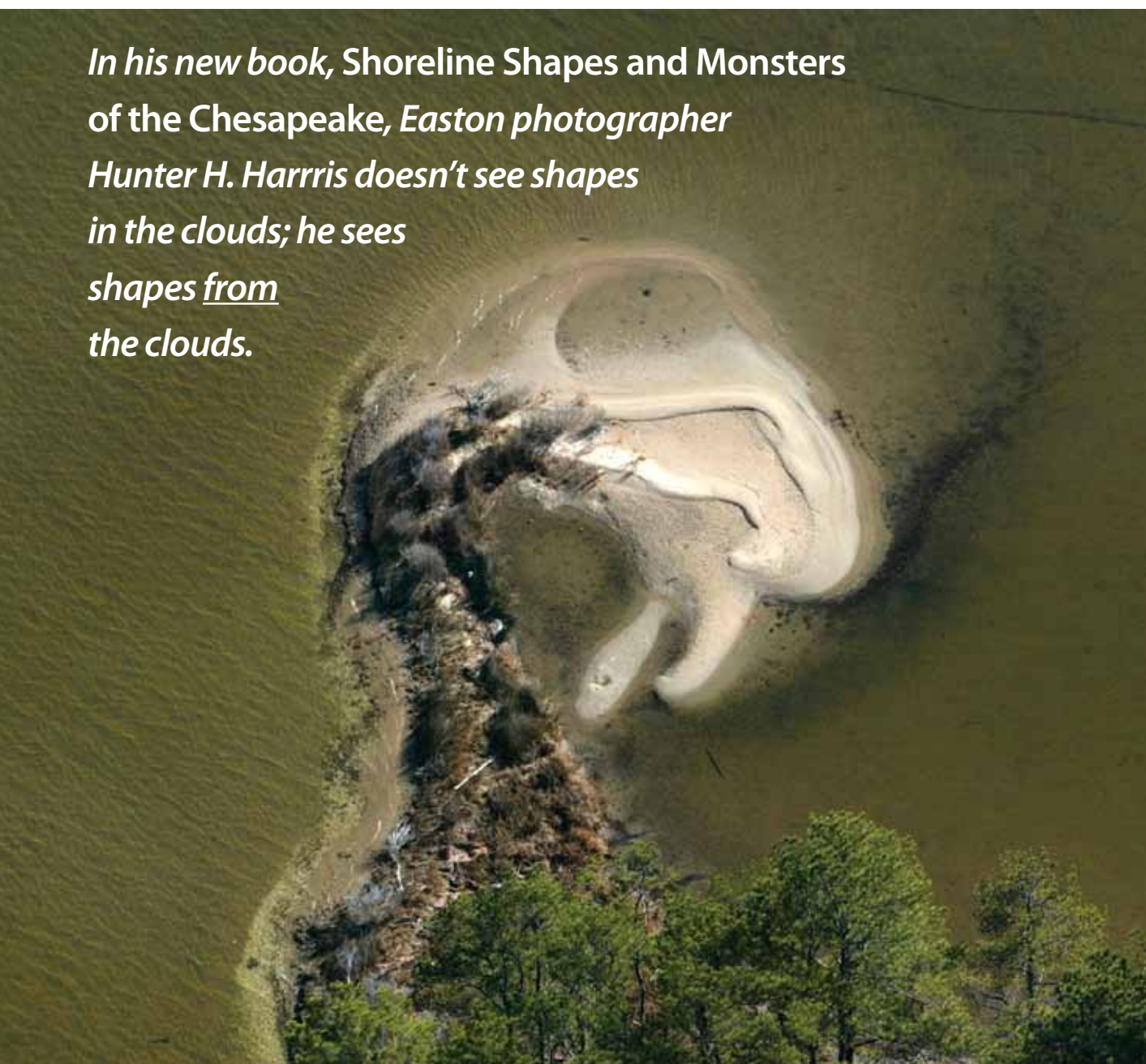


See Sea Monsters?

In his new book, Shoreline Shapes and Monsters of the Chesapeake, Easton photographer Hunter H. Harris doesn't see shapes in the clouds; he sees shapes from the clouds.



Do you see a fire-breathing dragon in the photo on the opposite page? No? Nor did we at first; we saw only the curious shape of what turns out to be Little Neck Point off Harris Creek near Bozman, Md. But keep looking. You'll see the dragon. It may also take you a while to find Pepe Le Pew on the following spread, in the photo of pollen swirling on the surface of the Tred Avon River near Oxford, Md. We're still working on that one too. But in most of the other photos here, and dozens more like them in Hunter H. Harris's *Shoreline Shapes and Monsters of the Chesapeake*, published in early 2013, the suggested shapes are more obvious: Marmaduke from the funny papers, an armored soldier (we think it's more like a ninja), a parakeet, a dolphin, a bird of prey. They are in fact, as the book's title suggests, beaches and coves and points and islands and shoals of the Bay—shot from above by pilot-photographer Harris, owner of Aloft Aerial Photography in Easton, Md. ¶ And, unlike most coffee-table photo books, this one is “interactive,” says Harris, a sixth-generation Eastern Shorean. No, there's no touch screen, and Siri doesn't speak to you from the pages. Rather, at the end of the book, there's a five-page index of sorts, with thumbnails of each photo, plus lat-long coordinates and Harris's own frequently fanciful interpretation of the shape in question. Here's the interactive part: Alongside each photo is space for you write what *you* see in the photo. You do this with something called a “pen” or “pencil.” Cutting edge, is it not? For more information on *Shoreline Shapes* and other photography from Aloft Aerial, go to www.flyaloft.com. ↵

photographs by Hunter H. Harris



TOP PHOTO: *Photographed in 2003, the northern reaches of the Sassafraz River Natural Resource Management Area suggests a bird of prey to author/photographer Hunter H. Harris. We wonder, does anyone else see a witch with her hat being blown off by a following wind?*

ABOVE: *Do you see a bottlenose dolphin in this 2008 shot of a creek on the south side of the Annessex River in Maryland's Somerset County?*

OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: *In this 2009 aerial of a sandbar on Newcomb Creek, off the Miles River near St. Michaels, Harris sees Marmaduke, the famous comic strip dog. In the book the photo is paired with a 2006 photo of the same sandbar, from a different angle. There, to Harris, it looks like a kangaroo chewing tobacco.*

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: *The author sees Pepe Le Pew in this wonderful 2011 picture of swirling pollen floating on the surface of the Tred Avon River near Oxford, Md. It took us awhile, but we found it. Eventually. We think.*







TOP PHOTO: *Harris sees a sea horse or bear in this photo of a point off Flatty Cove, on the Tred Avon River. Sure, we see that, but first we see an angel fish swimming left to right.*

ABOVE: *This fascinating pattern of broken ice on Bolingbroke Creek off the Choptank River, shot in 2003, suggests to the author an "armored Neopolitan soldier." Okay. We're not even sure what that is. As we've said, we're going with ninja. A very warmly dressed ninja.*

OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: *There's an Indian on Indian Creek, a few miles above Cambridge on the Choptank River, photographed in 2004.*

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: *We get both a 2009 view (near photo) and a 2012 view of this wrap-around point on the north shore of the Corsica River, a mile or so from the Chester. In 2009 it was a "mole or a gopher," writes Harris. In 2012 it was a "hawk or a parakeet." We'll go along with that.*

