

Vita

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Son of Jay and Linda Walter, the author was born on July 7, 1969. He grew up in rural upstate New York on his family's dairy farm. He attended Paul Smith's College, graduating in May 1990 with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Forest Technology. He was employed by International Paper in Maine and New York on temporary assignments while attending the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. Here he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Management in August 1993. He entered Virginia Tech's master's program in Industrial Forest Operations in the Fall of 1993. He completed the degree in August 1998. He is currently employed as a forester for Champion International Corporation in Russellville, Alabama.