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About the AuthorEdwin Tunis (1897–1973) was born in Cold Spring Harbor, New York, and spent much of his life in Maryland. A well-known artist, illustrator, and muralist, his work appeared at the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Society of American Etchers, the National Academy of Design, and the Victoria and Albert Museum. His other books include *Colonial Craftsmen*; *Colonial Living*; *Weapons*; *The Tavern at the Ferry*; and *Wheels*, all available in paperback from Johns Hopkins.