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National Geographic Stunning Photographs





Synopsis

Capturing the moment in which a firecracker explodes into a burst of electric energy or the last rays of the sun as it stretches across a red-rock valley, certain special photos offer an unrivalled conduit to the world around us. Shot by National Geographic's most renowned photographers and peppered throughout with inspiring quotations, Stunning Photographs is a vibrant tapestry of images that showcases the medium's ability to reveal extraordinary moments of wit and discovery, harmony and intimacy, energy and joy. Definitive, striking, and always unstaged, the remarkable pictures in this book will appeal to all who want to enjoy the smorgasbord of colors, textures, and sensations that comprise the fabric of everyday life.

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Customer Reviews

OK, now THIS is a coffee table book! The quality of the photos, on semi-gloss paper, is superb ... every little detail is clear and the colors pop. The photos are big, too--either a two page spread or a one-and-a-half page spread for each with no margin (full page) or a narrow white margin. It certainly "feels" bigger than its dimensions (10.3 x 1.3 x 10.2 inches). Although this is currently #1 in landscape photography books, it is much more than that. Yes, there are many landscapes, but there are also gorgeous photos of people, birds & animals & other wildlife, sea creatures, sporting events & unique local events, festivals and traditions, such as the Holi festival in India, where "celebrants douse each other with colored powder." They really are stunning. The photos are broken into the following categories (and there's lots of variety in each section and in the book as a whole):-

Mystery- Harmony- Wit (one of my favorite sections--see Kieran Doherty's photo of competitors in the UK Cold Water Swimming Championship--fabulous)- Discovery- Energy- IntimacyMy only problem with this book is that I bought it as a gift... but don't want to give it away. Looks like I'll be buying a second copy. :-)

The photographs included in the latest National Geographic Book (Stunning Photographs) edited by Annie Griffiths are truly stunning! I can give 10 gold stars to the entire book as well as to each one of the fine images. The book has been out exactly a month today and already it has become the best seller in photojournalism. What a great achievement by National Geographic! This book would make a perfect gift for this Christmas! People of all ages can really enjoy reading the book for sure!

National Geographic has a knack for finding and publishing incredible photographs. This collection is extraordinary -- and on its website you can enter a contest to receive a free copy. Whether you win that contest or not, if you get a copy for yourself or for a friend or loved one, you will definitely be a big winner. Each photograph is truly stunning. Robert C. RossDecember 2014

This book is filled with, well, exactly what the title describes. It contains an amazing selection of photos from Nat Geo's archives and I actually ended up reading through the entire book in a single sitting. I've found it makes for a great coffee table book, as people actually pick it up and read it while we're all hanging out in the living room. Very cool and worth the purchase price.

Stunning is a perfect adjective for the photographs in this book. I love that they not only include the photographs but quotes along with them. Beautiful book altogether... I can sit for an hour just savoring it. Highly recommend. I also purchased "Rarely Seen" but those photos are, as stated, thing that are rarely seen and just really cool... but this one is more jaw-dropping awe-inspiring.

Gave as a gift to a photographer friend. The photos are wonderful, but the quality of the book is not great. In other words this is not a quality printing, in fact, seems cheap. And I guess the National Geographic books are inexpensive so you can't expect quality. She loved the photos anyway, as many of them are stunning, but I was a little embarrassed by the lack of quality.

I gave this as a gift to my boyfriend. Photography is his hobby and I felt this book would inspire him. Almost all of the pictures are beautiful and leave you in awe. However, there are a small few (approx. around 5 or so) in which the quality is bad and isnt as clear as the others.

Gorgeous coffee table book with full color photos of some of the most intriguing spots on earth. I enjoy photography and bought this to see if it would inspire me. It did. Makes a great gift for anyone who likes to travel by airplane or arm chair. I put it out where it can be browsed frequently by me, friends, and family.

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