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# The National Parks: An American Legacy





## Synopsis

The National Parks: An American Legacy tells the story of the parks through the photography of Ian Shive and poignant essays by todayâ <sup>™</sup>s leading naturalists, scientists, explorers, and artists.From the cascading waterfalls of Yosemite to the unique geothermal features of Yellowstone, the U.S. national parks are among the most breathtaking destinations in the world. Founded to preserve such natural beauty for posterity, the national parks represent one of Americaâ <sup>™</sup>s crowning achievements and international treasures. The National Parks: An American Legacy tells the story of the parks through the photography of Ian Shive, todayâ ™s leading national park photographer, as well as through poignant essays by conservancy groups from across the country. Timed to coincide with the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the National Park Service, this lavish volume reveals the grandeur and history of the parks and looks toward what the next 100 years will bring. With more than 200 never-before-seen images of the national parks â " including Yellowstone, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon â " as well as images from many of the 400-plus national park units, this striking collection is comprehensive and inspiring. The National Parks: An American Legacy reveals the way humankind interacts with the parks, and how the story of the national parks is also a tribute to the people who visit, explore, and tirelessly work to preserve these cherished American landscapes.

### **Book Information**

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This is perfect natural landscape photography p0rn. I love browsing through this book when I need a

moment to unwind and picture myself out of the city. :)Our National Parks are a National Treasure! My bucket list includes visiting each and every one and having a handy visual nearby is encouraging.

I loved all the photos that were included in the book. They were all beautiful. But with so many pictures of the same parks like Channel Island, Denali, Mount Rainier, Yellowstone, Yosemite I was disappointed there was only one of the Grand Canyon and none of many others.

I think that the book is excellent!! The pictures of each of the National Parks are amazing!! have enjoyed reading the text about each of the parks. I have been fortunate to visit several of our National Parks, and the pictures brought back memories of the places that I have visited. I would highly recommend this book to others!!

Some good photography showcasing the majesty of our National Parks. Somehow I was expecting some more jaw dropping shots though but I guess the author wanted to keep it "real" as in reflective of what everyday visitors see. I think I visited 9 of the National Parks in 2015 and joined the hoard of photographers mentioned in the book so it definitely brings back memories.

The photographs were beautiful but the book seemed to have been put together cheaply with an inadequate spine. Since I had hoped this book would be a keepsake for years to come, I am disappointed that it is not more durable.

Wonderful book with pictures reminding me of the parks I've visited.

If the first thing that comes to your mind when you see the words "The National Parks" is the Channel Islands or White Sands, New Mexico, then this is the book for you. The author filled an inordinate number of pages with pix of those two locations. I was hoping that this book would provide at least one photo of each of the 59 National Parks, but half of them were totally snubbed. I thought the pictures chosen for some parks were unusual choices - for instance, none of the pictures of Joshua Tree National Park showed a Joshua tree even in the background. It included a lot of pictures of the more famous parks like Glacier and Yellowstone, which already get plenty of play in other publications. I would have liked to have seen some representative shots of the them. I realize that the National Park Service oversees not only the Parks but also many monuments, historic sites, etc. But when a book is entitled "The National Parks" rather than "National Park Service Lands" I expect it to feature the 59 Parks.

Phenomenal book!!! Fantastic photos, etc!lf you are a fan of national parks, then you will not regret getting this book for your collection!

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