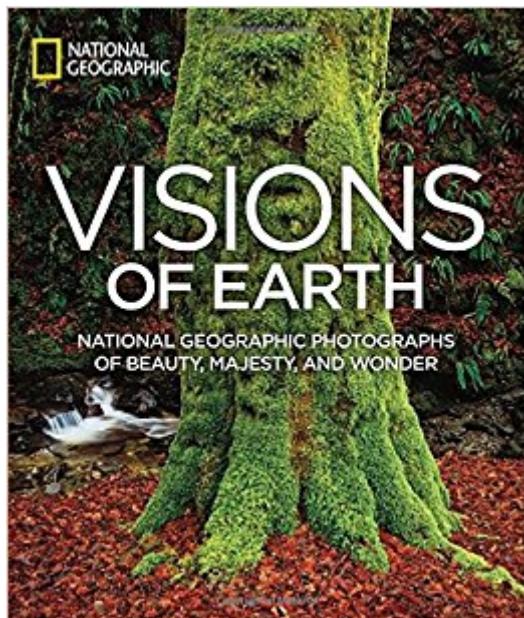


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# Visions Of Earth: National Geographic Photographs Of Beauty, Majesty, And Wonder (National Geographic Collectors Series)



## Synopsis

Visions of Earth raises a curtain on the wonders of the world and thrills us with nature's opulence and humanity's splendor. Each image alone exposes a nugget of our planet's magnificence; the totality of the collection goes beyond our imagination. Turning the pages, viewers are struck by the richness of life on Earth. One photograph is more awe-inspiring than the next--chosen by veteran National Geographic Magazine photo editors to present what is visually incredible. The photographs are drawn from the popular "Visions of Earth" feature in the magazine, (rated #1 by readers), from our own storied Image Collection, and from renowned photographers throughout the world, many never-before published. Enthralling images fill the book in a gallery of stunning landscapes, fascinating people, amazing animals, and unexpected glimpses of the usual and unusual. Puffins' beaks signal breeding time in Norway and a speckled emperor moth in South Africa diverts predators with an illusion. An elephant takes a morning dip in India's Andaman Sea while Siamese crocodiles race in Thailand and surfers in Australia relish a perfect day. Monks in Bhutan run to dinner and a little girl in red stands out among white-robed women in an Indonesian mosque. Spanish youth decked in colorful, oversize papier-mâché heads celebrate a festival in Catalonia and a flower of flame blooms from a man's kerosene-filled mouth in a Sikh celebration in India. Around the globe, amazing moments are captured in time, from a spray of flash frozen petal fragments in California to a truck show of chrome-covered and gleaming neon rigs half the world away in Japan. Visions of Earth is a welcome escape from the news of natural disasters, conflict, political upheaval, and social unrest that fills our lives. The book delights our senses, ignites our emotions, and renews our optimism, showcasing the many ways that our world is a marvel to behold and a privilege to call home.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book as a gift for my father, who loves beautiful coffee-table books. Before wrapping it, I decided to thumb through the book to make sure he would like it. However, as I delved deeper and deeper, I became enthralled with all the beautiful photos - they're absolutely stunning! The photos range all over the world, from action photos to beautiful closeup shots of tiny little insects. Not all of the photographs are perfect, but there are enough amazing photos that make you wonder at how the photographer captured the image. Absolutely beautiful and highly recommended!

I ordered this book as a gift, and I was surprised at the size of it. It's a smaller book than you would think (maybe about the height of a regular paperback) which I think is perfect because there will be no problem fitting it on a book shelf. Despite its size it is a substantial book (really thick), and it's filled with great photos.

"Visions of Earth" is another magnificent collection of photographs from National Geographic. It's a huge book, with over 500 pages of awe-inspiring photography from around the world, including both land and sea images. The book is subtitled "Beauty, Majesty, Wonder," and that's an apt description. I was mesmerized looking at the incredible photography. The book is divided into fifteen themes, each having a brief text introduction, followed by the images for that theme. There's some marvelous imagery here, and I would hate to be a contest judge and have to choose only one winner from the lot. There's something here for everyone, and I can't imagine anyone flipping through the pages of "Visions of Earth" without a lot of oohs and ahs.

The book is obviously a gorgeous collection of photographs. It is inspiring both as a photographer and as a person living on this planet to see such beauty. About 25% of the photographs I don't really care for, but that does not take much away from the book. One reviewer calls the book "clichéd". Well, if this book is clichéd then it does an amazing job of covering the clichéd. At around \$25, it is a steal. It would also make a lovely gift for anyone interested in photography or nature.

This book was a gift to a young photographer who's interests are deeply rooted in the preservation of the planet. She was thrilled to have a photographic book filled with interesting facts and fantastic photography.

This was purchased as a gift and I am pleased to report that the receivers of the book (along with others in the room) started paging through it right away, exclaiming awe with every turn of the page. The pictures are astonishingly wonderful. Such a blessing, our Earth, and I can't wait to look through it every time I visit.

I bought this book as a gift and had it sent to my home so I could wrap it and personally deliver it during the holidays and I was marveled by the magnificent photographs. The cover is striking and once I started flipping through the pages, I couldn't put it down. Had to stop myself so that it would still look pristine when I gave it. Wouldn't mind ordering another one to keep.

Outstanding photography. Makes you feel there is some unknowable magic behind this unexpected and unknowable source. It's like being carried away on a mystical trip to wonderful places.

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