

Sublime Nature

PHOTOGRAPHS THAT AWE & INSPIRE

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This exquisite and inspiring book of landscape photography from National Geographic captures the beauty of nature in all its breathtaking variations.

Natural scenery, whether mountain peaks against a crystal blue sky or shimmering expanses of ocean or desert, the exquisite geometry of tide marks on a beach or the perfection of a moss-laden path, affects us deeply, by turns eliciting joy, peace, awe, and a state of grace. **Sublime Nature** collects images that inspire these emotions, culled from the world's leading photographers. Award-winning photojournalist and conservationist **Cristina Mittermeier** contextualises the sentiments captured in the photographs, offering readers a visceral connection to the natural universe.

Interspersed throughout the book are inspiring quotations from the world's leading naturalists and environmentalists, including *Henry David Thoreau*, *John Muir*, *Rachel Carson*, and *Ralph Waldo Emerson*. Thoreau reminds us that "Nature is full of genius, full of divinity," while his friend Emerson declares, "Lose yourself in nature and find peace."

Mittermeier's introduction and poetic chapter essays capture the special bond between photographers and nature as their often singular companion when alone in the field, using patience and wiles to capture these indelible moments.

Poetic, inspiring, and filled with breathtaking images, **Sublime Nature** stunningly captures our special relationship with nature in all its abundant incarnations, and inspires us to reap its life-giving and wondrous gifts and to care about protecting its future.

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