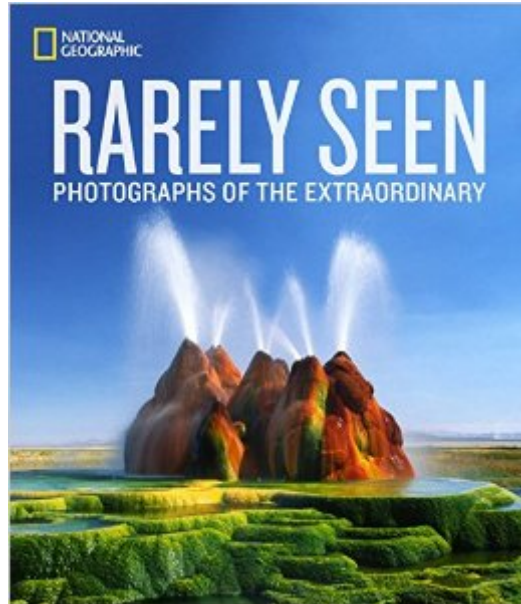


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# National Geographic Rarely Seen: Photographs Of The Extraordinary



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In this dazzling book of visual wonders, National Geographic reveals a world very few will have the chance to see for themselves. Shot by some of the world's finest photographers, New York Times bestseller *Rarely Seen* features striking images of places, events, natural phenomena, and manmade heirlooms seldom seen by human eyes. It's all here: 30,000-year-old cave art sealed from the public; animals that are among the last of their species on Earth; volcanic lightning; giant crystals that have grown to more than 50 tons; the engraving inside Abraham Lincoln's pocket watch. With an introduction by National Geographic photographer Stephen Alvarez, whose work has taken him from the Peruvian Andes to the deepest caves of Papua New Guinea, *Rarely Seen* captures once-in-a-lifetime moments, natural wonders, and little-seen objects from the far reaches of the globe.

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## Customer Reviews

Great photo book with excellent photography of extraordinary places. It is inspirational to see the photos as well as to marvel at the incredible natural diversity we have on this planet. Highly recommended!

Our family loves this book. Since we got this book in the mail my kids (age 7 and 4) ask to spend time every night looking at the pictures and reading about them. The photos are very eye-opening and give the kids, and myself, a new perspective on this world we live in. The quality of the printing

and paper is quite nice as well. We have a lot of books around but this one seems to have captured the kids' attention more than any other.

Susan Tyler Hitchcock's RARELY SEEN, PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY is an enchanting, exquisite smorgasbord of incredible images of wonders large and small from around the world. A 2015 National Geographic release, it's a visual delight that can be savored for hours. A door-stopper of a book at 400 pages, RARELY SEEN divides its images into sections on Phenomena, Life, Places, Objects and Moments. Among the photographic gems are snaps of Antarctic ice towers, a huge swirling mass of starlings, a Bowerbird nest, the Cave of Crystals, a 2,300-year old bog man, an ice-encrusted Michigan lighthouse, a baby crocodile hatching, a page from the 15th Century Voynich manuscript, Fingal's Cave basalt columns, ancient Niger rock carvings, an Imperial Faberge egg, a puddle-jumping kangaroo, Whitehaven Beach, the Grand Canyon Skywalk, nomadic buffalo herders, the Loy Krathong festival of lights, 138 skydivers in flight, Yellowstone's Grand Prismatic Spring, the Vatican's Sala Regia hall, a Navajo dancer, lightning over Mt. Rushmore and on and on. The images were snapped by Stephen Alvarez and other NG photographers along with pix from Corbis, Getty Images, Minden Pictures, Reuters and other agencies. In short, RARELY SEEN is a gorgeous, gorgeous book that will enchant readers of all ages. Highly recommended.

As I stated in my title, this is perhaps the most beautiful and unique photo collection I have ever purchased!! National Geographic's "RARELY SEEN, PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY" is a GORGEOUS collection of incredible photographs by the amazing Steven Alvarez. He includes wonders large and small from around the world in what could only be called a visual delight that can be enjoyed for years to come. The images are divided into sections on Phenomena, Life, Places, Objects and Moments. It should also be noted that this book is an absolute door-stopper, coming in at 400 pages. Each photograph captures what very few get the chance to see for themselves — from 30,000-year-old cave art sealed from the public to animals that are among the last of their species on Earth to volcanic lightning, giant crystals that have grown to more than 50 tons and desert flowers that bloom just once a year. I purchased this book for my grandfather who is not in the best of health, and therefore doesn't have much opportunity for world travel. The size scope and scale of this book left him very impressed. This is perhaps the best alternative to getting out there and seeing these wonders for yourself. Beyond that, since purchase at Christmas, it has also become the best coffee table book and conversation starter we have ever had around the house!

Everyone who has picked up the book and scanned through the pages has remarked about the beauty and skill needed to capture these images. A must for anyone who is into photography, world travel, unique sites, or just life in general. A perfect and well deserved 5 stars!

Unfortunately I'm sorry to say that I felt kind of disappointed due to the poor print quality! Didn't really expect National Geographic could release such a great book without the proper care for a publication of this size!

No words can describe how beautiful this book is. I bought 6 copies for my kids/grandkids for Christmas... Just loved it!

This book is absolutely beautiful in every way. The pictures are breathtaking Wanted it because it shows you places in nature that you will never see any other wayIt will be a great coffee table book everyone will enjoy looking at it

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