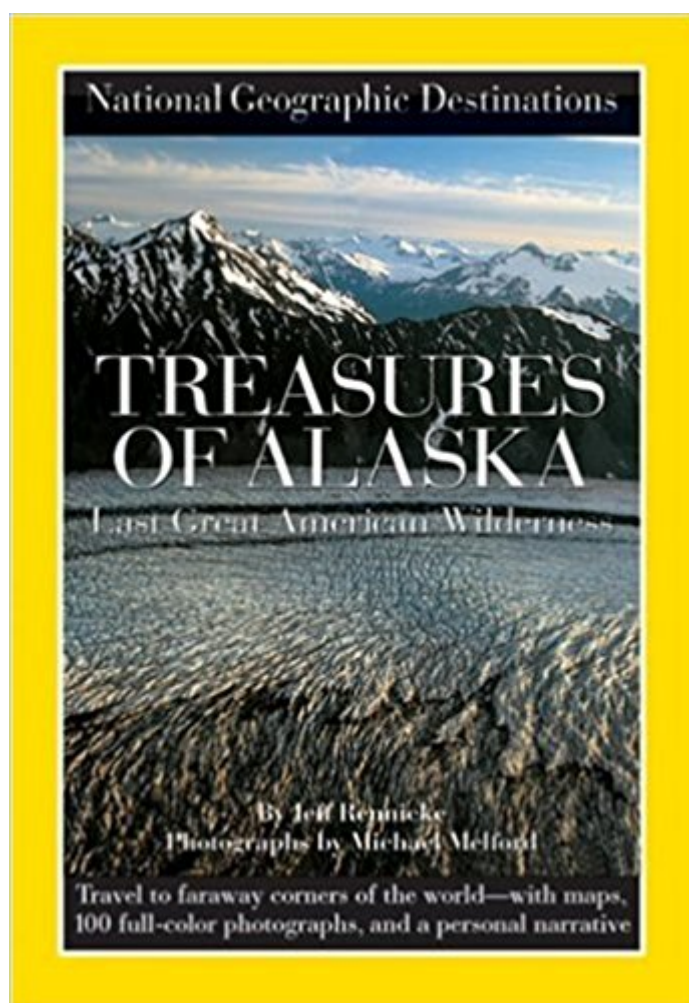


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# National Geographic Destinations, Treasures Of Alaska: The Last Great American Wilderness



## Synopsis

Alaska - The very name sparks the imagination. Larger than many countries but with fewer year-round residents than most medium-size cities, the 49th state bristles with mountain ranges glittering with glaciers. Here are deep fjords exploding with the barks of seals, enormous ice fields stretching to the horizon, and vast forests, plains, and wetlands teeming with wildlife. TREASURES OF ALASKA celebrates this storied land. Travel by dogsled up a frozen Arctic river in the Brooks Range in search of the "place of perfect beauty." Hike to the rim of a six-mile-wide caldera in the Aleutian Islands, where active volcanoes rise along the Pacific Basin's Ring of Fire. Imagine trading places with a hermit who goes for months without seeing another human being and who writes poetry, plays the trumpet, and fashions jewelry from river stones to fill the long, dark days of an Alaskan winter. Climb with a bush pilot who turns the tragedy of a plane crash on Mount McKinley into a triumph of human spirit by becoming the first double-amputee with artificial legs to stand atop the continent's highest peak - the mountain that almost killed him. From gold fields to ice fields, from fishing boats to northern lights, Treasures of Alaska uncovers the wild heart and endless struggles that make Alaska a land of beauty, hope, and - most of all - dreams.

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## Customer Reviews

I recently graduated college, and this was given to me as a gift. Previous to receiving it as a gift, a friend had the same magazine, and I enjoyed looking at it. I have the opportunity to say that I live in the one of the most beautiful places on earth, Alaska. I have lived here for 9 years and I have done

and seen a lot of Alaska. But reading the magazine articles and looking at the beautiful photographs made me realize that there is so much more of Alaska that I have not seen, and that I am dying to get to see. I have seen and read lots of books on Alaska, but up until this one, none of them done Alaska justice. Everytime family or friends come over and we start to talk about what we are going to do this summer, I pull out this magazine.

I picked this book/magazine up on my second trip to Alaska. Although my travels have been business driven, I have built in free time with both trips to experience some of the splendor and solitude described in Treasures of Alaska. I knew my two visits had not demonstrated all that is Alaska, but after reading this it became evident that they did not comprise even the full tip of the iceberg. While reading on my departure flight and looking out the airplane window to the wilderness below I felt the urge to demand they turn the plane around. I think this book/magazine deserves inclusion as one of the Treasures of Alaska.

Alaska represents 20% of the land area of the United States, yet its entire population is less than that of most major cities in the "lower 48" and huge swaths of the state aren't on any road system. Animal species in short supply elsewhere roam freely in Alaska. Wilderness is here in abundance. This National Geographic special magazine captures that wilderness with a collection of its usual superb photography wrapped around a short narrative capturing selected vignettes of the state. In Alaska, it is still possible to experience a variety of dramatic natural landscapes and wildlife in isolation. This magazine is highly recommended as a preview for those who seek that experience.

Very, very interesting book with breathtaking photographs. If you are an Alaska fan, get this book!!

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