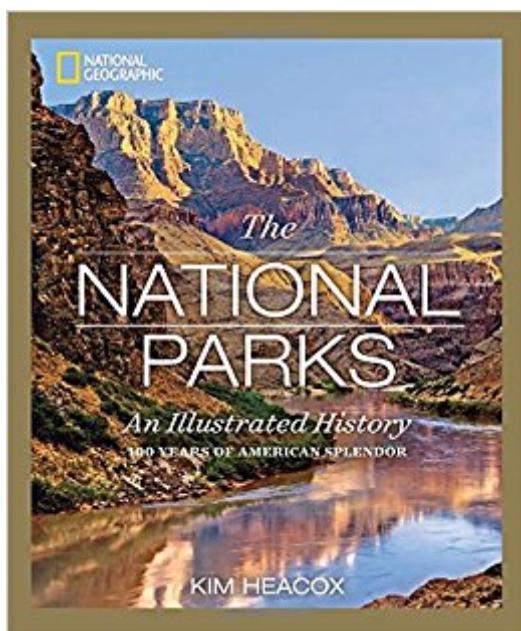


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# National Geographic The National Parks: An Illustrated History



## Synopsis

An inspired tribute to the astonishing beauty and priceless cultural treasures of America's National Parks, this volume is a lavish celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. National Geographic The National Parks collects the very best of National Geographic's photographs, combined with an expertly told history: from the multi-hued layers of the Grand Canyon to the verdigris flame of the Statue of Liberty, this book presents a breathtaking panorama of the National Parks. With the stories behind the first female park ranger, a decidedly amateur scuba expedition that unearthed a submerged Civil War treasure trove, and so much more, Heacox takes readers on a VIP tour of America's rich natural and cultural heritage. The full sweep of wonders—from pristine coral reefs to the Gettysburg battlefield to glaciers and all the glorious diversity in between—offers a breathtaking tour of the very best of America's national treasures.

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"Through iconic National Geographic images and an illuminating collection of stories and personalities, the book offers a portrait of diverse National Park Service properties while presenting a colorful history of the service and its century of notable accomplishments. Heacox weaves a mesmerizing tale filled with fascinating stories, such as the first female park ranger, an amateur scuba expedition that unearthed a Civil War treasure trove, and much more. Coupling these stories with breathtaking photographs of glorious glaciers, pristine coral reefs, towering forests and all of

the beautiful scenery in between, Heacox provides readers with a vivid panorama of the national parks, monuments, battlefields, historic sites, shores and recreation areas preserved over a century of dedicated conservation." --Examiner.com

KIM HEACOX Â has written a dozen books, five for National Geographic on biography, history and wildlands conservation. His most recent books (four published in a 20-month period) are a biography, John Muir and The Ice That Started A Fire (April 2014, starred reviews in Kirkus, Booklist and Publisher's Weekly, nominated for the National Book Award); a Denali memoir, Rhythm of the Wild (May 2015); a literary novel, Jimmy Bluefeather (September 2015, starred reviews in Kirkus and Library Journal), and the official exhibit-format centennial book for the U.S. National Park Service, The National Parks, published by National Geographic in October 2015. Â Kim's 2005 Glacier Bay memoir, The Only Kayak, now in its ninth printing, was a 2006 PEN USA Literary Award finalist in creative non-fiction. Kim has twice won the Lowell Thomas Award for excellence in travel writing. His 1992 book of essays and photography, In Denali, won the 1993 Benjamin Franklin Award. Â A former ranger with the U.S. National Park Service (1977-85, most of that time in Alaska), Kim also served on the 1989 National Park Service EXXON VALDEZ Oil Spill Task Force. He lives with his wife, Melanie, in the little town of Gustavus, the gateway to Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park. Learn more about him at [www.kimheacox.com](http://www.kimheacox.com).

My wife and I have started planning trips to see the national parks. I wanted something to inspire and help learn about the parks. Unfortunately, this is not the book for that. The pictures are beautiful but the structure of the book is terrible and makes it difficult to use for anything other than just picture browsing. It's supposed to be an illustrated history of the national parks and it's chapters are laid out chronologically. But it jumps all over the place. For instance, if you look in the index for Sequoia National Park, it gives you a couple of page references in the index. p. 4-5, is a two-page reference is just one huge two page picture, page 214-215 is another two-page picture with a tiny bit of text. p23 is a picture of a window sticker along with other stickers. p27 is a timeline index of all the parks. There's a little one sentence blurb about it's origin date. p53 it's mentioned in passing. p63 there's a two paragraph blurb with a couple of pictures. That's it. Turn the page on any one of those listings (or even read a sentence later) and it's something that's completely unrelated. It would be more practical if one particular park had it's own section within it's chronological era. For example, give me everything about Sequoia National Park in the section for when it was established. If you want to just look at pretty pictures that are unrelated to each other, it's great. If you want to actually

learn something about a particular park, it's useless.

Beautiful eye candy! Nice breather when I need to "travel" for a couple minutes. Great when i have time to read for longer.

It was a gift. I was able to casually view it. The pictures were incredible. The receiver love it.

Outstanding 100th NPS Anniversary book with outstanding pictures of our nation's National Parks'a real treasure for all Americans and anyone form around the world who visits our National Parks.

God's grace in pictures too!

very fine book

beautiful and very informative

Love this "coffee table" book. Great photos and descriptions along with a fantastic National Parks timeline. I learned a lot of US and NP history from this book, and enjoyed reading it.

This is a great book. I bought one for myself back in the summer at REI for 53.00. Got a great deal on this order at at only 34.00. Bought it for a National Park enthusiast I know for Christmas gift.

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