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The Northern Lights: Celestial Performances Of The Aurora Borealis



Synopsis

The northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis, put on remarkable shows of light and motion in high latitudes--Alaska being the perfect place to see them. Shot with ultra-high definition cameras, this book of amazing photographs showcases a period of unusually high solar activity in the northern lights. These new photos take full advantage of the latest advances in photographic technology and the active solar storms of the past several years that cause the lights. With 160 images that have never been collected in book form, this book allows us to witness charged particles in the earth's atmosphere clash with electrons and protons released by the sun.

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Customer Reviews

On my spouse's bucket list are the northern lights. We have made plans several times to go far enough north to have a chance of seeing them, but something has always interfered. So, this book is my promise that we will get there some day! The photography is beautiful -- you can hardly believe that these colors can be seen in nature (and I hope they can be, and are not enhanced for the book). Being quite attached to words, I would have liked more information about the photographs; for example, on what dates they were taken or what time of day. A map of Alaska would have been helpful, too, as I would have liked to imagine the photos in their geographic location. The accompanying essay is fine, but alas, too brief, covering only 17 pages shared with photos and surrounded by plenty of white space. I would have loved to know more about the solar storms that made the intense colors possible and perhaps heard more from people in centuries past who have wondered about these strange lights. It is great to hear from the two photographers

themselves about their hunt for the perfect aurora borealis photos.

I ordered this a month ago and was dazzled enough that we ordered another as a Christmas gift for my aunt and uncle - win/win. Everyone who came to our home over the holidays would pick it up on the coffee table to flip through it, and ended up sitting down looking through it page by page.

Anchorage, Alaska Photographers Daryl Pederson and Calvin Hall also guide the reader on seeing and photographing the Aurora Borealis. This is their 2nd book on the Northern Lights after 2001's *Northern Lights: The Science, Myth, and Wonder of Aurora Borealis*. The picture of the blue corona aurora over the Chugach Mountains was my favorite and orange red aurora near Palmer Alaska is amazing! The moonlight and rainbow colors of the aurora as a back drop over the Matanuska Glacier was unbelievable.

The Northern Lights are on many people's bucket list. This book will create an even stronger longing to go up north to witness this magnificent spectacle. Every page has at least one breathtaking photo. Daryl Pederson and Calvin Hall explain the different photographs. The words are poetic, historical and scientific. They give their expertise both in viewing the aurora borealis and in photographing it, in all its forms. There is some information as to where and how the photos were taken, but it is omitted on some of the pages. The book itself makes a nice coffee table book "although it would be better if it was a hardback."

Stunning photographs of the gorgeous nocturnal phenomena known as the Northern Lights, occurring primarily in upper Northern Hemisphere locations. Photographers Daryl Pederson and Calvin Hall have braved some of the coldest spots on earth to capture their photographs, and I give them many thanks as I'll most likely never get to these remote locations on my own! They capture nearly every color that's possible, reds, greens, purple, aqua, and even white. I like the use of illuminated tents, barns, human and animal figures, and even a strategically placed truck, so give some sense of scale, so every shot is not just of the sky. You get a sense of where you'd be standing if you were there, and your view. The book is just large enough to be a good coffee table read, but keep in mind that a lot of the photos inside are half page size. There are a few double page spread photos and ones that take up more than one page. A highly recommended photography book or anyone interested in seeing the Aurora Borealis.

Great coffee table book for astronomy and outdoor lovers. We've only had the book for a week, but

every visitor to the house seems to pick it up and thumb through it. The photos are all high-quality, and pretty darn impressive. Our only complaint: The paperback format doesn't lie flat, which somewhat diminishes the impact of the photos. It would have been even better as a hardback book that could be left open on the table, with two-page spreads of some of the most spectacular images. That would probably have raised the cost a lot, which is a tradeoff. Recommended!

This book offers an array of attractive, colorful photographs of the aurora borealis accompanied by educational text on this fascinating phenomenon. It is the style of an oversized, coffee table-type book, so not something you would necessarily sit down and read--i.e., it's more likely something you would browse through. It's also probably best suited for those with a particular interest in the Northern Lights.

This is a collection of photographs depicting the northern lights. There is a little explanation on what causes the lights and the colors displayed. The altitude of the light display and how solar flares effect the lights are briefly discussed. Mostly this is a coffee table book. Which makes both the paperback and photo quality a little disappointing. I like hardback coffee table books and this is paper - which makes the price point better. My husband and both feel the photo quality could better.

This is a lovely coffee table book of the Northern Lights. There are so many pictures of this amazing natural wonder. The pictures are vivid and bright and colorful. They are very well shot. There are 128 pages, which gives you a lot. This would be lovely to have in the home or office, or make a nice gift. I was very impressed by it and would recommend it.

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