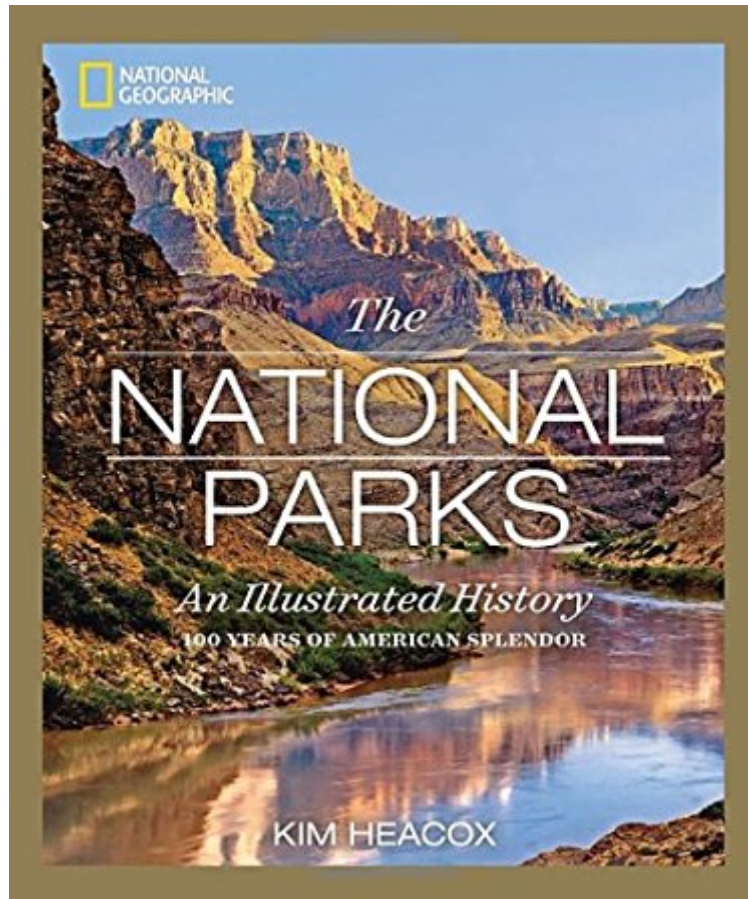


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# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC The National Parks Illustrated 100 Year Anniversary Book



## Customer Reviews

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.

I really like this book. Here's a tip: at the beginning of the sections, or next to a picture, they will put a little blurb from a previous Nat Geo magazine that describes the picture. At the bottom of the text, there is usually a date of when that blurb was originally published in Nat Geo. Without looking at the date itself, put your finger over top of the date, and THEN read the blurb. It's kinda interesting to read the paragraph, take a guess at when you THINK that information was originally published, and THEN look at the date. Most of my guesses have been WAY off; and a lot of the stuff that was written 100 years ago still holds true, as if it was just written today. I have seen a bunch of comments on here that the content is disorganized. Yeah, it kinda is. But who cares? It's not a classroom textbook or a biography or something. It's a bunch of pictures and a round-about way of describing the history of the park service. Read wikipedia if you want something more structured. I like this book !

This is a beautiful book, and purchasing it through is literally half the price of purchasing it from National Geographic directly. I purchased it for my father-in-law for Christmas, and he loved it- as we all did. Everyone in the house took a turn looking at it on Christmas Morning. The photos are lovely and vibrant with some foldouts, and it gives a good deal of info on each park (helpful if you

want to find a new one to go to or reminisce about a previous visit). The only negative was the box came completely mangled and had been taped up, and the cover overwrap was bent and folded a bit. I am sure this was more of a post office issue and not 's fault, and it didn't affect the actual cover or any of the pages, so it wasn't a big deal. Highly recommend.

This is a stunning book. Beautifully written tribute to our National Parks accompanied by stunning photographs that inspire and excite. This would also be an excellent gift for any National Park lover.

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

Photos are from old back issues of Nat. Geo. and reproduced brochures. VERY DISAPPOINTING!!! Now I see why its on blowout sale everywhere! It was just published 2 months ago and is already in the 50% off bin. THE NPS and its 100th ANNIVERSARY DESERVE BETTER!!

This is a really nice book with lots of information and some beautiful photos; I wish it would open flat to show the 2-page photos seamlessly. I love our national parks and hope to visit many of them!!!

I pre-ordered this book as a gift for my high schooler's host family in France, and received it on the release day. The book was a huge hit. It represents our country beautifully. It is not just a gorgeous coffee table photo book, but also a history book of our national parks.

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