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America Flying High



Synopsis

This book takes a pictorial look at the nation from above, with dazzling full-color photographs of each region of the United States of America. These territories continue to reach out to settlers and travelers, challenging those who would try to conquer its mountains, rivers, and canyons as well as those who try get to know its patchwork quilt of people and regional cultural variations. The reader takes a thrilling journey over mountains, deserts, mighty rivers, swaths of farmland, and the great cities and landmark skyscrapers, all shown from an aerial vantage point. The design of the pages is carefully planned to bring out the panoramic qualities of the exceptionally beautiful photographs. The reduced album format of the book has been chosen to emphasize the wide-angle approach of the pictures.

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Customer Reviews

If you want to see gorgeous, unusual, aerial views of all parts of our beautiful America, this book is a must have! Jim Wark has an uncanny ability to find those soul stirring views and capture them perfectly on film which he has been doing for many, many years. The book is huge with 640 pages and over 500 of his finest fantastic aerial photos displayed in full color.

I first came across Jim Wark's work in 'A field guide to sprawl' by Dolores Hayden (ISBN 0393731251) where fifty-one of his aerial photos were used to decode the American man-made landscape. This latest work is a glorious celebration of the Nation, man-made and natural, in a thick

chunky book and for the price this has to be a bargain. The nine chapters cover it all, cities, rock formations, rivers, mountains, deserts (hot and cold) farming, coastlines, the land in color and finally, admittedly an unusual choice, mining. This last chapter though provides some amazing color images, it's hard to believe the abstract looking color of the potash evaporation ponds near Moab, Utah or the red of the water created by iron ore in Marquette County, Michigan. I particularly liked the sixty-nines pages devoted to agriculture, plenty of examples of contour farming (more abstract art shapes) and those amazing circular fields that use pivot watering systems, you just can't appreciate these when seen at ground level. Twenty-two cities are covered over 140 pages and even here there is something fresh to see, for instance, an amazing shot of the Chrysler Building (actually worthy of a poster) or the Westin in Atlanta. If I have a criticism it is that many of the photos could have been bigger. This occurs on many spreads where there is a whole page photo and on the opposite page the captions and a single photo surrounded by just too much white or black space. Apart from that I think this a stunning book of over five hundred aerial photographs by Jim Wark, he clearly has an eye for the floor of the sky.***FOR AN INSIDE LOOK click 'customer images' under the cover.

The book is smaller than a version that I have recently seen on the book store shelves. Nevertheless, the size makes it easy to hold. So many clear and beautiful pictures and I especially enjoyed pictures of the bird's eye pictures of Utah since we have traveled and vacationed in the areas listed. Seeing areas from the air makes me realize how much we miss out by viewing straight on. Love it.

I bought this as a gift and had a hard time putting it down when I looked at it! Love it...very thick book with such captivating photography that you get lost in it. This is a GREAT gift for a male or female, young or old, for someone who travels by air a lot or for someone who doesn't. It's just great!

This photos in this book are a thing of beauty. Jim Wark, who flies an Aviat/Christen Husky and took all his photos from it solo, is a gifted pilot and photographer. As a Husky pilot myself, I have many opportunities to enjoy America from the front seat of this great airplane but I don't have the eye to see the things he does. The only two wishes I had for the book was that the photos were larger and the binding more sturdy. Neither detracts from the wonderful quality of the photos. I bought a number of these books to give as Christmas gifts to my aircraft customers and look forward spending more

time with it myself over the Christmas holidays.

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