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Feathers: Displays Of Brilliant Plumage





Synopsis

Exquisite images from award-winning National Geographic photographer Robert Clark offer a captivating perspective on the vast beauty and myriad functions of a seemingly simple thing: the bird feather. Each detailed close-up is paired with informative text about the utility and evolution of the feather it depicts, making this handsome marriage of art and science the ideal gift for bird lovers, natural history buffs, and photography enthusiasts.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

â œArt meets science in a poetic celebration of Earthâ ™s astonishing diversity. Feathers is an intensely beautiful visual taxonomy and a photographic love letter to this poetic feat of evolution.â • â "Brain Pickingsâ œSpectacular.â • â "Shelf Awarenessâ œPhotographer Robert Clark became fascinated with the beauty and utility of bird feathers while on assignment for National Geographic in 2004. His mastery of the science, photographic possibilities, and 200-million-year history of the plume is evident in Feathers: Displays of Brilliant Plumage (Chronicle). The striking colors and gorgeous patterns represent a global avian fashion show.â • â "Boston Globe

Robert Clark is an award-winning freelance photographer and frequent contributor to National Geographic magazine. He lives in New York City.Award-winning science writer Carl Zimmer is author of twelve books and a weekly column for the New York Times. He lives in Connecticut.

I thought this book was going to be sort-of mind blowing with beauty based on the reviews. In my opinion it is rather bland. I thought it would be wowed and impressed but I am not. Its ok. The pages have one feather, would be nice if it had been more colorful it is what it is.

Exquisite! As soon as I saw a few sample images posted on Maria Popova's "Brain Pickings" blog, I knew that was the book I needed as a Mother's Day gift for my mother, who deeply enjoys this kind of book - art and science blended. I looked at it upon receipt and because the images of the feathers look so real, I wanted to stroke the pages. My mother also found it delightful, upon my delivery the other day. Beautiful work!

I teach kindergarten. My class recently investigated birds. We came back to this book and the detailed photographs again and again to learn more about feather structure, color, size, etc. The beautiful pictures inspired many questions and experiments. We love this book.

breathtaking, a spiritual experience, meditative, love it

fantastic book, works for all my needs

Beautiful pictures!

Love it. Will be a birthday gift next month with a few feathers

This is a gorgeous book. I wish there was a little more text. Most pages have me using my LED magnifier lens. Just as intricate up close as they promise from farther away.

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