



American Eagle

A Visual History of Our National Emblem

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- The only book that comprehensively covers the history of the eagle emblem in such detail
- Beautifully photographed and illustrated

A bold expression of a fledgling republic's aspirations and bravado, the American bald eagle has been designed, drawn, illustrated, stamped, engraved, painted, sculpted, carved, photographed, and etched by thousands of artists and artisans since 1782, when it first appeared as the central figure on the Great Seal of the United States. As America's most versatile emblem, the eagle emanates confidence during peace and prosperity, and strength during crisis and war. As a North American native species it exemplifies nature's grandeur and the advance of conservation. In all, the bald eagle is a stirring national symbol made all the more vibrant by its indisputable dominion in the sky. *American Eagle: A Visual History of Our National Emblem* is a visual survey that explores the eagle in American life. A remarkable book that represents American culture, politics, and history, *American Eagle* will be the definitive source of this national icon for generations to come.

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