



Masterpieces of the Earth

From Fire to Ice, the Creation of Our World

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- A celebration of the raw beauty and stark majesty of the world around us
- Richly illustrated with stunning images from the world's leading nature photographers
- Pays homage to the powerful forces that shape our planet, revealing a world with extraordinary landscapes and geological features that will simply take your breath away

From searingly hot deserts to lands of fire and ice, this book is a vivid journey through the natural wonders of the seven continents. With page after page of spectacular photographs, this book pays homage to the powerful forces that shape our planet – fire, ice, water, and wind – revealing a world with extraordinary landscapes and breathtaking geological features. These images, of geysers spewing scalding water, glaciers chiselling out the mountainsides, and red-hot molten lava exploding on contact with the ocean, demonstrate how Earth's current appearance resulted from the incessant, powerful, and widespread activity of nature and climate change over the various geological eras. The portrait that emerges from this exceptional journey through vast patchwork quilts of salt deposits, colourful canyons, ripple-like sand patterns, and vibrant meltwater pools and channels, captures a living, endlessly changing, planet.

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