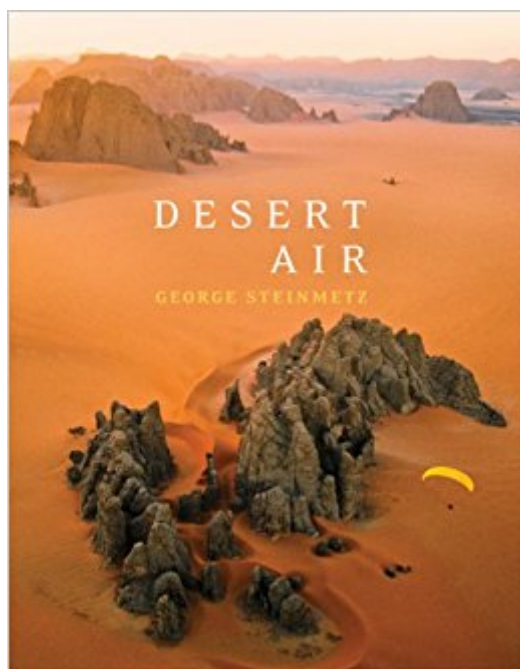


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# Desert Air



## Synopsis

Celebrated exploration photographer George Steinmetz takes his art to a new level in *Desert Air*, the first comprehensive photographic collection of the world's "extreme deserts" which receive less than four inches of precipitation per year. Steinmetz has spent 15 years on this epic body of work, capturing remarkable and surreally beautiful visions of deserts, from China's great Gobi Desert to the Sahara in northern Africa to Death Valley in California. Much more than a visual journey, these images are enriched by the exciting stories behind Steinmetz's adventures in some of the world's most difficult and challenging areas—from smuggling his paraglider into Libya to getting arrested for spying in Iran, to crashing into a tree in western China. *Desert Air* reveals extraordinary desert ecosystems that together form a kind of disparate family of coevolved landscapes; similar, yet each unique in its own way. To preview some of these incredible images, watch the book trailer on Vimeo: <http://vimeo.com/50387081>

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## Customer Reviews

George Steinmetz has spent the last 25 years photographing remote corners of the world for National Geographic and GEO magazines. His awards include two first prizes from World Press Photo, as well as awards and citations from Pictures of the Year, Overseas Press Club, and the Eisenstadt Awards. He lives in New Jersey.

Superb book. George has an amazing eye and the landscapes he has caught on film are simply stunning. I like the strand of environmental protection that is wound through the book - after 15 years of travelling in environmentally sensitive areas he has seen the impacts of the current way of human life, and uses the imagery to document this. It is also great to live a bit vicariously through him, flying low over super arid zones around the world. Would highly recommend the book as a coffee table book and to teach people about the impacts that our current lifestyles have on the environment.

This is a hefty collection of gorgeous vistas. It's full of beautiful pictures of desert/arid landscapes that will have you lingering over the pages and wanting to come back to the book days later. I waited until this was a little less expensive, but wow, I am glad I made the purchase, because these are inspiring images from around the globe, and it showed me structures and places I didn't know existed beyond the movies. Do yourself a favor and pick this up!

Similar to African Air, this collection by George Steinmetz contains photos you won't find elsewhere. This is also a unique photo collection covers regions that hardly anyone has ever visited, or probably ever will. The photos are taken not-too-far-from-the-ground so it provides an interesting perspective. Unlike some photo collections shot from far high in the sky, this is close enough to the ground, yet not on it, to be interesting. Highly recommended to anyone interested in photo collections.

This is a gorgeous coffee table book with high quality printing and beautiful, vivid color. It is heavy so not for reading in bed, but to just hold on your lap while sitting on the couch. I bought this for my mother-in-law, who loves wide, open vistas. It was a huge hit! Everyone who comes over is drawn to it and looks at it for many minutes. It's a conversation piece and a beautiful piece of art.

I expected gorgeous photos, and that's what they are. Amazing, most of them. What surprised me is the the writing. Though Mr. Steinmetz does not write much, his writing is crisp, clear, and interesting. I feel like I am reading a great travelogue, and then seeing magnificent photos from his travels. I am spell-bound.

Not only the photos are unbelievable. I also like the stories George tells us about their "making off". And since I am a photographing PPG pilot too (not a flying photographer as George calls himself) I

know about all the challenges he was facing. I am eager for his next book Look at:[...]

Love it. Mostly pictures which is just my style. However, there is a little commentary which is quite entertaining to read. This book wasn't just thrown together. Lots of effort went into shooting these scenes and some of it could have ended very badly for the photographer had he not been so fortunate.

Absolutely beautiful

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