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Nuclear Landscapes (Creating The North American Landscape)



Synopsis

"Nuclear Landscapes examines the disturbing aesthetic created by the more than seven hundred nuclear explosions on American soil since 1945" [from the publisher's statement].

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Customer Reviews

Since 1945, over 700 nuclear tests have taken place on American soil alone. Through carefully composed color photographs, Goin documents the lasting damage from nuclear explosions at several sites. The antithesis of classic landscapes, these photographs present haunted landscapes understandably devoid of habitation, with colors leached out and the land permanently laid waste. Viewers thus feel the need to step lightly; there is a tendency to hold one's breath. The photographs are accompanied by an informative and balanced text, and each is infused with the ghost of what this land once was. This extremely important book should be given a highly visible place in school, public, and academic libraries.- Raymond Bial, Parkland Coll. Lib., Champaign, Ill. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"With great courage (many of the sites are still radioactive) and a trained eye, [Goin] captures for us all the true cost of nuclear supremacy with extraordinary color photographs... at once stunning and chilling, presenting powerful visual icons of the nuclear age." -- Michael Toms, New Dimensions "A stunning look at the effects of America's love affair with the atom." -- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Awesome, haunting photos, but I expected more shots of the Nevada test site. And only one touristy shot of White Sands? If you love urbex and/or desolate places as I do, you'll enjoy Goin's work.

I don't know of any book whose images have stuck with me for so long. "Nuclear Landscapes" is a chilling look at the remnants of America's vast nuclear weapons production and testing. From the Hanford reservation in Washington state to the south Pacific to the deserts of Arizona you will always be aware that while the photos may look serene there's always enough radiation around to at least give you cancer or some other related malady. Peter Goin knew the risk he was taking, but he left a priceless work for all people to look at and become aware of what we've done to many places on Earth with nuclear testing. One would wish that India and Pakistan would take a serious look and realize that they too have places that can never be inhabited. That they also have nuclear landscapes.

I read this book twice ten years ago when it was still in the library. I haven't been able to find a copy since then, but the images of the hellish, alien landscapes that Mr. Goin photographs are still so vivid that to use words "powerful" or "evocative" would tarnish their terrible beauty. If any book begs to be reprinted, this is it.

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Anyone researching locations on nuclear waste disposal sites or areas used for nuclear testing will find ample material in this book by Peter Goin. If you're looking for images of desolate and abandoned landscapes, this is definitely a great resource.

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