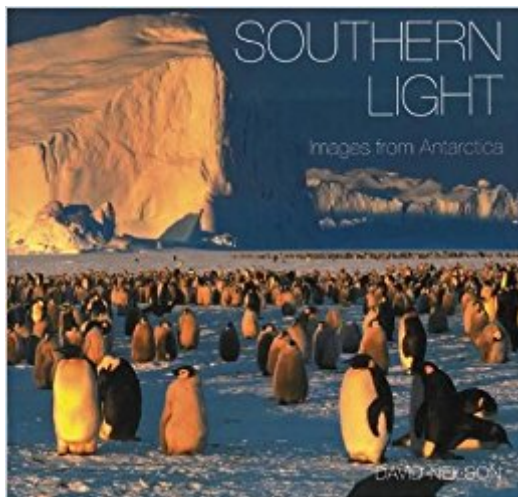


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Southern Light: Images From Antarctica



Synopsis

A photo book of exceptional quality, depicting the awe-inspiring scenery and wildlife of the frozen continent in both color and black and white. Between 1990 and 2009, veteran wilderness photographer David Neilson made six journeys to Antarctica and the subantarctic, in a quest to capture the exquisite light of these southernmost lands. This oversized volume presents the spectacular results of his efforts; its 130 color and 100 duotone plates portray the dramatic topography of the Antarctic Peninsula; the icebound expanses of East Antarctica; the Ross Sea region, which witnessed the heroic age of Antarctic exploration; and the subantarctic islands of South Georgia and Macquarie, with their profusion of wildlife. Many of the landscape photographs were taken with a large-format view camera for maximum detail and tonal subtlety, and several are reproduced as panoramic gatefolds, showing the true vastness of this great southern realm. The images of wildlife, many of them remarkable close-ups, include emperor, king, Adélie, gentoo, chinstrap, royal, and macaroni penguins; wandering, royal, and grey-headed albatross; and crabeater and fur seals. Accompanying the photographs are a narrative of Neilson's Antarctic journeys, essays on conservation and climate change, and five full-page maps. Southern Light is an excellent gift for anyone who has visited Antarctica personally, as well as for those who prefer to admire its frozen beauty from a more temperate clime. Distributed for Snowgum Press

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"Southern Light is a blast of beauty. David Neilson...spreads before us myriad majestic peaks and plains in images that seem lit from within. One of several gatefold panoramas shows a colony of

20,000 king penguins, stretching as far as the lens can see.... Neilson's animal close-ups are latter-day Audubons; exquisitely observed portraits brimming with character... he revels in the glorious abundance of his subject. His camera celebrates life, unexpected eruptions of it in hues we don't associate with these latitudes; pinks, lavenders, emeralds, the sage green of Macquarie Island cabbage and the orange glow of certain lichens. Southern Light is a love letter in the form of a coffee-table book."#151;Rebecca P. Sinkler, The New York Times Book Review .com 2013 Best Books of the Year selection: Outdoors & Nature Photography "This is a beauty!"#151;Longitude News "Anyone with an interest in wildlife photography in general and in Antarctica specifically will enjoy this large-format book, as Neilson and fellow photographer Karen Alexander capture the essence of Antarctica, from the various varieties of penguins to seals to humpback whales to snow-covered peaks to icebergs. Especially poignant are the relics left behind by the great explorers: Robert Scott's hut built in 1910 for his Terra Nova expedition, for example, or Ernest Shackleton's Endurance expedition campsite."#151;Chicago Tribune Winner: 2nd Place Nature Book#151;International Photography Awards "The spectacular images in David Neilson's Southern Light...reveal the unique beauty and mystery of the icebound expanses of Antarctica. Page after page of beautiful and mysterious icebergs, vast penguin colonies with their fluffy youngsters...seal pups, petrels and whales, as well as shots of Scott's expedition hut and the modern day scientists, all make us want to grab our cameras and head south."#151;Scotland on Sunday "Southern Light by David Neilson is a monumental book....The large format makes for some sumptuous images. Single-page images of this size are impressive but there are double-page spreads measuring 57 by 26 centimetres and even triple-page "gatefolds". A picture of 20,000 king penguins at St. Andrews Bay, South Georgia spread across 85 centimetres is amazing. And it is sharp enough to find an uncovered egg in the middle distance! Southern Light....emphasises the range of colours that tint the white continent. The dominant colour is blue in a range of shades but the scenes that remain clearest in my memory of Antarctica and which are invoked by this book are the soft yellows and pinks when the sun is low but shining through the clear atmosphere. There is no scenery that compares with mountains and ice set in a mirror-calm sea. It is difficult to catch atmosphere with a camera but Neilson manages it."#151;Robert Burton, Polar Record, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge University "This is Antarctica as you have never seen it.... This is a truly great photographic record of the continent. It offers images that are deeply personal and far beyond the usual photographic cliches."#151;Bruce Elder, The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald "The stunning beauty of Antarctica has never been celebrated better than in this magnificent big book."#151;Noel Shaw, The Examiner "Southern Light is a gorgeous

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David Neilson is an experienced mountaineer and rock climber as well as a wilderness photographer. Based in Australia, Neilson is the author and photographer of three previous books: South West Tasmania: A Land of the Wild; Wilson's Promontory: Coastal Wilderness; and Patagonia: Images of a Wild Land.

This book was purchased as a gift and was shrink-wrapped when I received it. I hesitated to remove the shrink wrap before giving, but wanted to look inside in order to satisfy myself that the book will make a nice gift. It is fabulous! This book contains some of the most beautiful photographs of the antarctic I've ever seen, printed on luxuriously heavy paper. It includes detailed information about the continent, its flora and fauna, as well as maps. There are several 3-page spreads of landscape photos which give the viewer a much better perspective of the subject. For anyone interested in Antarctica, this book is a must-have.

The photographs are awesome. Every description I can think of is an understatement. The photos are evocative, generous, exquisite, the product of 6 trips to several regions of the Antarctic. The quality of light, the beautiful vistas, vast collections of penguins, the cormorants, terns, sea lions - and breathtaking backgrounds - every page is a new delight. And a photo titled "iceberg and Antarctic petrel, Ross Sea" is the loneliest picture I ever saw. And gorgeous. I love this book.

I've been interested in Antarctica for many decades, and have quite a lot of books about it. I've never been there, and think I never will, so I have to be content to be an arm-chair traveller. This one is absolutely one of the very best in my library, fantastic vistas, the light in the pics are just otherworldly. And the b&w pics are in a way some of the most outstanding. It leaves some room for the viewer's imagination. A must have if you're interested in Antarctica or other wild places.

A beautifully illustrated book about the least known continent. Makes you want to visit!

Wonderful pictures. Great quality.

I bought this as a gift for my husband, but I read it myself. Absolutely fantastic photos. Well worth the cost.

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