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National Parks Beyond the Nation -Adrian Howkins 2016-03-31 “The idea of a national park was an American invention of historic consequences marking the beginning of a worldwide movement,” the U.S. National Park Service asserts in its 2006 Management Policies. National Parks beyond the Nation brings together the work of fifteen scholars and writers to reveal the tremendous diversity of the global national park experience—an experience sometimes influencing, sometimes influenced by, and sometimes with no reference whatever to the United States. Writer and historian Ian Shive Stegner once called national parks ‘America’s best idea.’ The contributors to this volume use that exceptionalist claim as a starting point for thinking about an international history of national parks. They explore the historical interactions and influences—intellectual, political, and material—within and between national park systems in Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Indonesia, Antarctica, Brazil, and other countries. What is the role of science in the history of these preserves? Of politics? What purposes do they serve: Conservation? Education? Reverence toward nature? Tourist pleasure? People have thought differently about national parks at different times and in different places; and neat physical boundaries have been disrupted by wandering animals, human movements, the spread of disease, and climate change. Viewing parks around the world, at various scales and across national frontiers, these essays offer a panoramic view of the common and contrasting cultural and environmental features of national parks worldwide. If national parks are, as Stegner said, “absolutely American,” they are no less part of the world at large. National Parks beyond the Nation tells us as much about the multifarious and changing ideas of nature and culture as about the framing of those ideas in geographic, temporal, and national terms.	
	
America's National Parks -Don Compton 2013 In America's National Parks: A Pop-Up Book, "America's Best Idea," our national parks, spring to life as spectacular three-dimensional scenes by paper engineer Bruce Foster (creator of the best-selling Harry Potter Pop-Up Book). Travel 18 of our most popular parks, with six as stunning pop-ups in this one-of-a-kind keepsake with magnificent art by Dave Ember in the style of 1930s WPA posters. Experience alligators in the Everglades, mountain goats in Glacier, bears in Great Smoky Mountains, the raging river of the Grand Canyon, geysers in Yellowstone, and the soaring mountains of Yosemite as never before. Old Faithful spouts a full 13 inches above the page! Detailed descriptions of 12 other national parks (Acadia, Channel Islands, Crater Lake, Cuyahoga Valley, Death Valley, Grand Teton, Mammoth Cave, Olympic, Rocky Mountain, Saguaro, Shenandoah, and Zion) accompany colorful reproductions of original WPA posters. More than a book, this piece of art is sure to become a treasured family heirloom.	
	
National Parks of America -Lonely Planet 2016-06-01 Explore all 59 of America's National Parks with this inspirational coffee table book. Beautiful landscape photography and wildlife illustrations will wow readers. Practical ideas on where to stay and what to do help readers plan visits, and detailed itineraries make it easy. A wonderful introduction to America's National Parks for all the family.	
	
Gloryland -Shelton Johnson 2010-07-01 “A work of extraordinary imagination and sympathy, a journey from slavery to the mountaintop, perfectly realized.” —Ken Burns, American filmmaker Born on Emancipation Day, 1863, to a sharecropping family of black and Indian blood, Elijah Yancy never lived as a slave—but his self-image as a free person is at war with his surroundings: Spartanburg, South Carolina, in the Reconstructed South. Exiled for his own survival as a teenager, Elijah walks west to the Nebraska plains—and, like other rootless young African-American men of that era, joins up with the US cavalry. The trajectory of Elijah’s army career parallels the nation’s imperial adventures in the late 19th century: subduing Native Americans in the West, quelling rebellion in the Philippines. Haunted by the errors endured by black Americans and by his part in persecuting other people of color, Elijah is sustained only by visions, memories, prayers, and his questing spirit—which ultimately finds a home when his troop is posted to the newly created Yosemite National Park in 1903. Here, living with little beyond mountain light, running water, campfires, and stars, he becomes a man who owns himself completely, while knowing he’s left pieces of himself scattered along his life’s path like pebbles on a creek bed. “Seen through the fresh eyes of buffalo soldier Elijah Yancy, Yosemite is Gloryland, his true home. Shelton Johnson has written a beautiful novel about Elijah’s journey.” —Maxine Hong Kingston, author of China Men and The Woman Warrior	
	
See America - 2016-03-22 To coincide with the 2016 centennial anniversary of the National Parks Service, the Creative Action Network has partnered with the National Parks Conservation Association to revive and reimagine the legacy of WPA travel posters. Artists from all over the world have participated in the creation of this new, crowdsourced collection of See America posters for a modern era. Featuring artwork for 75 national parks and monuments across all 50 states, this engaging ebook celebrates the full range of our nation’s landmarks and treasured wilderness.	
	
Picturing America's National Parks -Jamie M. Allen 2018-09-15 Picturing America's National Parks brings together some of the finest landscape photography in the history of the medium, from America's most magnificent and sacred environments. Photography has played an integral role in both the formation of the National Parks and in the depiction of America itself, through this natural resource. From Yosemite to the most recent 2013 addition of Pinnacles National Park in California, America's National Parks have been enjoyed through photographs for over 150 years. This book traces that history and delights readers with stunning photographs of the best American landscapes. An informative essay from curator Jamie M. Allen unfolds the role of photography in promoting America's national heritage, land conservation, and wildlife preservation. Featuring the historic work of masters such as Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, William Henry Jackson, Edward Weston, and Minor White, as well as contemporary greats such as Lee Friedlander, Stephen Shore, and Joel Sternfeld, this volume offers a powerful look at America's National Parks and pays homage to a practice that has defined the way we see America, particularly the American West.	
	
National Parks of the USA -Kate Siber 2018-07-05 Discover the beauty and diversity of America's great outdoors in this tour of its most iconic national parks. Explore Florida's river-laced Everglades, travel down the white water rapids of the Grand Canyon, trek across the deserts of Death Valley and scale the soaring summits of the Rocky Mountains with this book that brings you up close to nature's greatest adventures. Packed with maps and fascinating facts about the flora and fauna unique to each park, this fully-illustrated coast-to-coast journey documents the nation's most magnificent and sacred places—and shows why they should be preserved for future generations to enjoy. Parks include: Acadia, Badlands, Big Bend, Biscayne, Bryce Canyon, Channel Islands, Death Valley, Denali, Everglades, Glacier, Glacier Bay, Grand Canyon, Great Smoky Mountains, Hawaii volcanoes, Isle Royal, Mesa Verde, Olympic, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, Virgin Islands, Yellowstone and Yosemite.	
	
America's National Parks -Paul Schullery 2001 Spectacular full-color photographs and topographic maps that detail key landmarks and travel routes through the parks explore the geological and natural wonders of fifty-five of America's remarkable national parks, accompanied by descriptions and commentary that document each park's unique features, plant and animal life, and more.	
	
Lewis & Clark -Dayton Duncan 1999 The companion volume to the PBS film follows the epic odyssey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean, documenting the varied spectrum of landscapes, people and cultures, and wildlife that they encountered. Reprint. TV tie-in. 35,000 first printing.	
	
Lassoing the Sun -Mark Woods 2016-06-14 "In this remarkable journey, Mark Woods captures the essence of our National Parks: their serenity and majesty, complexity and vitality--and their power to heal." --Ken Burns Many childhood summers, Mark Woods piled into a station wagon with his parents and two sisters and headed to America's national parks. Mark's most vivid childhood memories are set against a backdrop of mountains, woods, and fireflies in places like Redwood, Yosemite, and Grand Canyon national parks. On the eve of turning fifty and a little burned-out, Mark decided to reconnect with the great outdoors. He'd spend a year visiting the national parks. He planned to take his mother to a park she'd not yet visited and to re-create his childhood trips with his wife and their iPad-generation daughter. But then the unthinkable happened: his mother was diagnosed with cancer, given just months to live. Mark had initially intended to write a book about the future of the national parks, but Lassoing the Sun grew into something more: a book about family, the parks, the legacies we inherit and the ones we leave behind.	
	
The National Parks - 2017-05-16 The National Parks: An American Legacy tells the	

the national parks and the troubling consequences of the American wilderness ideal. The first study to place national park history within the context of the early reservation era, it details the ways that national parks developed into one of the most important arenas of contention between native peoples and non-Indians in the twentieth century.

Preserving Nature in the National Parks-Richard West Sellars 2009-01-01 This book traces the epic clash of values between traditional scenery-and-tourism management and emerging ecological concepts in the national parks, America's most treasured landscapes. It spans the period from the creation of Yellowstone National Park in 1872 to near the present, analyzing the management of fires, predators, elk, bear, and other natural phenomena in parks such as Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, and Great Smoky Mountains. Based largely on original documents never before researched, this is the most thorough history of the national parks ever written. Focusing on the decades after the National Park Service was established in 1916, the author reveals the dynamics of policy formulation and change, as landscape architects, foresters, wildlife biologists, and other Park Service professionals contended for dominance and shaped the attitudes and culture of the Service. The book provides a fresh look at the national parks and an analysis of why the Service has not responded in full faith to the environmental concerns of recent times. Richard West Sellars, a historian with the National Park Service, has become uniquely familiar with the history, culture, and dynamics of the Service?including its biases, internal alliances and rivalries, self-image, folklore, and rhetoric. The book will prove indispensable for environmental and governmental specialists and for general readers seeking an in-depth analysis of one of America's most admired federal bureaus.

Wonders of the National Parks-Ford Cochran 2015-07-08

The Condemnation of Blackness-Khalil Gibran Muhammad 2010-07-15 Chronicling the emergence of deeply embedded notions of black people as a dangerous race of criminals by explicit contrast to working-class whites and European immigrants, this fascinating book reveals the influence such ideas have had on urban development and social policies.

Borderline-Nevada Barr 2009-04-07 The New York Times bestseller starring Anna Pigeon from the author of Winter Study. "Action-packed...a narrative that plunges readers into mystery [and] mayhem."—The Denver Post Hoping a raft trip in Big Bend National Park will lift her spirits, Anna Pigeon and her husband Paul go to southwest Texas, where the Rio Grande is running high. The beauty of the Chihuahuan Desert and the power of the river work their magic—until the raft is lost in the rapids and a young college student makes a grisly discovery. Caught in a strainer between two boulders—and more dead than alive—is a pregnant woman. Anna will soon discover that nature isn't the only one who wants to see the woman

and her baby dead...

Nashville-Ann Patchett 2018-11-13 Nashville: Scenes from the New American South beautifully captures my home city of Nashville in this exciting moment of change and growth.— AL GORE This book is excruciatingly gorgeous. Every page makes me homesick. —CONNIE BRITTON A great book about a great city.— JOHN PRINE This has been a time of such great change for Nashville that I think we are all very curious to see who we are now.— GILLIAN WELCH This book reminds me, in the sweetest way possible, that I probably should have never left Nashville.— CHRIS THILE Introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Jon Meacham A dynamic, experiential, and intimate portrait that explores the many sides of the legendary Southern city and country music capital, from award-winning writers Ann Patchett, Jon Meacham, and acclaimed photographer Heidi Ross. Nashville is a creative collaboration that awakens the senses, providing a virtual immersion in this unique American city hailed as the Athens of the South. Patchett, Ross, and Meacham in his introduction, at once capture both the city's iconic historical side—its deep, rich Southern roots, from its food and festivals to its famous venues, recording studios, and style—and its edgier, highly vibrant creative side, which has made it a modern cultural mecca increasingly populated by established and upcoming artists in art, film, and music. Nashville celebrates Nashvillians' beloved locales and events, both established and new, that are the heart of the city's character including: Bobbie's Dairy Dip Broadway Cumberland River Buchanan Arts District Bolton's Chicken and Fish Dino's East Nashville Tomato Arts Festival Germantown The Gulch Grand Ole Opry Pie Town (SoBro) Pride Festival Prince's Hot Chicken Schermerhorn Symphony Center Stanley Cup Playoffs Tennessee Performing Arts Center Tennessee State Fair Third Man Records WXNA Independent Radio Here, too, are engaging vignettes spotlighting the diverse talent that makes the Tennessee city a significant cultural incubator and influencer, including singer-songwriters Marty Stuart, Gillian Welsh, and Dave Rawlings; film director Harmony Korine, textile designer Andra Eggleston, country music fashion designer to the stars Manuel, chef Margot McCormack, acclaimed pastry chef Lisa Donovan, and model and musician Karen Elson. Blending exceptional narrative, evocative photography—including 175 black-and-white and color photographs—and a bold graphic design, Nashville is an intimate, textured panorama that brilliantly illuminates one of America's most remarkable treasures.

Your Guide to the National Parks-Michael Joseph Oswald 2017-01-01 This award-winning guide, completely updated for the 2017 edition, includes more than 450 new photographs, 160 revised maps, and 50 hiking tables, making it the only guidebook you'll need to explore the United States National Parks. An all new design with the same intuitive layout keeps the step-by-step itineraries,kid-friendly activities, and most popular ranger programs at your fingertips to help plan your next family vacation. Thousands of hotels, restaurants, and attractions beyond the parks and 11 suggested road trips make it the ultimate dashboard companion. Exhaustive activity information—including hiking tables, easy-to-find trailhead markers, outfitter details, and backpacking essentials—serves as blueprint for an adventure of a lifetime. With something for everyone, this is Your Guide to the National Parks.