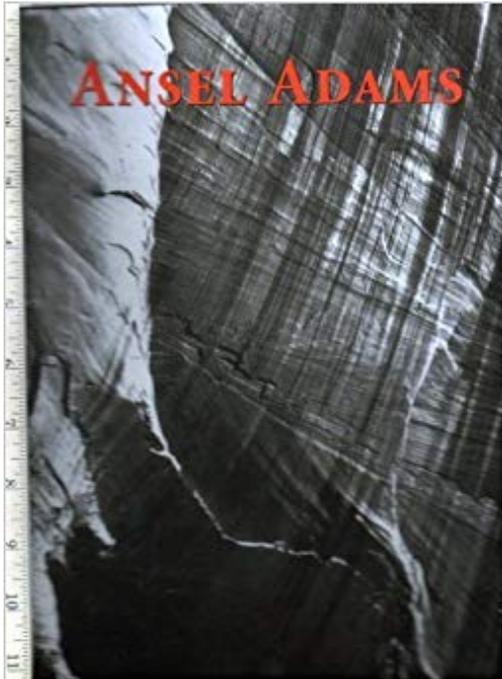


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Reviews of the *Ansel Adams by* Barry Pritzker

Cordabor

The book and the pictures are beautiful.

Quamar

I picked up a copy of the 1991 edition of this book from a "Little Free Library" in my neighborhood while walking my dog. I was very excited to see it, but when I got it home and started to look through it I understood why someone gave it away. The photos that are reproduced in this book are lesser works, relatively undistinguished images from Ansel Adams' extensive catalog of images, and they are quite poorly reproduced. The poor quality of the images made sense to me when I read a note in the front matter of the book which states that the images in the book were produced from

negatives made from prints in the collection of the National Archives, not from original negatives; in other words, they are pictures of pictures. Also, it is stated that the book was not authorized by and has no connection with Ansel Adams and the Ansel Adams Publishing Trust.

I am a lifelong fan of Ansel Adams' work, and I will keep this book in my collection for the sake of completeness, but I wouldn't go out of my way to seek out a copy, or spend much for one if I found one.

Deodorant for your language

This book's reproductions of Adams' work are substandard at best. Adams was a master of sharp focus and high contrast photographs, and the reproductions in this book do no justice to Adams as an artist. Once you have seen a genuine Adams' print, you then realize there are few books that can come close to accurately portraying his photographs, and this is not one of those. I have several books by Adams and others of his work, and this is the poorest one of the bunch. In my opinion, the photographs are washed out, soft and do not accurately represent Adams' work. No wonder this book is nearly given away on the used market. Save your money and put it towards one of the few works that give tribute to Adams as an artist with quality reproductions of his work. There is a reason they are expensive.

Nikobar

"Ansel Adams" by Barry Pritzker, starts out with an introduction by Pritzker that summarizes Adams's life and career, and then the bulk of the book is split into sections called "Canyons and Caverns", "Mountains and Skies", "Portraits and Closeups", and "Indian Life, Past and Present", with a total of 69 breathtaking and amazing photographs. I've spent a lot of time admiring each photograph - a wonderful book.

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