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The Natural World Close-Up (Close-Up (Firefly))



Synopsis

A unique view of the natural world in stunning close-up. The Natural World Close-up is an incredible journey through the wondrous diversity, complexity and majesty of the natural world as seen through the glass of a super-magnifying lens. More than 300 extraordinary close-up photographs reveal the intimate details of nature's most remarkable creations. These are the closest views that technology will allow. Spectacular high-magnification images zoom in on the most amazing details of plants, animals and natural features of our planet. Like a moving zoom lens, the subject is viewed closer and closer until it no longer resembles the familiar subject first shown. Concise, informative text accompanies the book's photographs. Leafy sea dragons, poison arrow frogs, leaf stomata, fern spores, quartz crystals, metamorphic rocks, glacier ice, rainbows -- the world will never again appear the same. Ideal for all nature lovers, conservationists, wildlife watchers and zoologists, this stunning visual reference is perfect for revealing the beauty and diversity of the natural world.

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The microscope has come a long way in 400 years. (Wall Street Journal 2011-10-22) This book is likely to blow your mind; it did ours. You know what a strawberry looks like, as well as a clamshell, a block of marble and a polar bear. But do you know what these items look like under extreme

magnification? ... Straightforward, informative text accompanies each image; the language is accessible to any adult reader. We warn you of this, however: this book is so intricate that you could easily spend hours, even days, exploring the images. You may also begin to annoy your family as you keep calling their attention to yet another example of an everyday object turned incredible upon closer inspection. (Earth Magazine 2012-12-01)

Giles Sparrow is the author of *The Universe and How to See it* and *Hubble: Window on the Universe*.

Words can hardly express the awe and wonder one feels when observing the intricate patterns of nature captured and published in this book. Even a 10 year old child was fascinated. No human being could create the beauty and perfection in form and function of the natural world, of which only a smidgeon, is shown in this remarkable book. It is a treasure.

Fascinating; I acquired it for the grandchildren to look at, and we've had some lively sessions. When their reading is up to this level, I hope they'll learn even more. I think it's good to be aware that there's more to life than we can see in the day-to-day.

I have almost all the books available on scanning electron microscope images. This is a great addition to the field - stunning photos and very insightful text. If you enjoy this type of work this book will not disappoint. It literally expands our definitions of reality to see so much exquisite detail that our unaided vision cannot access.

The photography was exquisite. This is a book I will treasure forever. Not only is the book filled with photographs, but also nicely written descriptions.

This gives new appreciation for everyday items we see around us.

These type of photos fascinate me. I love to look at them when I have free time. No telling what is going on in the microscopic world!

Fun interesting book.

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