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Abandoned Planet



Synopsis

The first book by worldwide Urbex pioneer Andre Govia brings you the definitive document of cinematic abandoned photography. Having explored over 800 individual locations Andre takes us on a journey behind the facade of abandoned buildings to discover the hauntingly beautiful discoveries within. Welcome to Never Never Land! Andre Govia is a legend among urban explorers. He has taken his camera into over 22 different countries worldwide to document the Narnia of global urban decay left behind by the march of time. Nobody better captures the haunting poetry of these spaces, as Andre leads the reader on an emotional journey through a world most will never see. Abandoned Planet brings you an epic collection of Andre Govia's work, never before seen in print. The pathos, the magic, the profound sadness of each image invites you to contemplate not only the eventual failure of all human endeavour but also the difficult to describe, indistinct yearning for a world less civilised, a nostalgia for wild spaces – for a life less tame. Let the bittersweet melancholy of Andre Govia's majestic photography get under your skin.

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Govia's approach to photography is very cinematic – he aims to create an ambiance that will really put the viewer in the scene, using either lighting set-ups that he brings along with him on his explorations, or through post-production alteration. It's sheer ruin porn. - Fast Company

UK-based photographer Andre Govia comes from a background in film and television production

and is seen as a pioneer among urban explorers. He has taken his camera into over 22 different countries worldwide and explored over 800 individual locations.

I have been a fan of Andre Govia from the very first picture and I was hooked on urban exploration as told through his pictures. His collage of hauntingly beautiful photos in his book *Abandoned Planet* evoked feelings of sadness and curiosity. I am left wanting to know the story of the people and the things they left behind. Andre's eye for the perfect shot, the play of light on the wall, the shimmering reflection on water, peeling paint and falling wallpaper, the long hall and perfectly lined seats in a church, a piano long silent. If you close your eyes you can almost smell the decay and feel the sadness of these places. When a photograph can make a person feel so many things then the photographer has done their job well. Thank you Andre for a job well done!

What an amazing book. Great quality, beautiful large pages. I was surprised at the low cost for such a nice book, and with Prime I got free shipping, and it arrived in a couple of days. I have followed Andre Govia online for a while, and was so excited to get the book in print. It will stay on my coffee table. I cannot even explain the mix of emotions I feel when I look at his pictures. The photos draw you in and make you feel like you are there, and takes you to places you will never see in person and some places that are soon to be demolished. You will not be disappointed in this book. I know its one of the best online purchases I've made. Mandy Kellers

This gorgeous book arrived yesterday, and what a marvelous time I had paging through it. I think my favorite photographs are ones that included human-related elements such as toys, wheelchairs, etc. I also love the ones where light from the outside shines through windows, illuminating portions of the decay inside. I also really liked the corner images, where we could peer down 2 long hallways at once. A line from an old hymn popped into my mind: "Change and decay in all around I see. O, Thou who changest not, abide with me." Mr. Govia's text, when used, enhanced the photographs. The one thing I missed was having page numbers + an index that would have identified the images on each page. This is certainly a book I will treasure.

Incredible photos of abandoned places... the feeling you get when you look at these photos is overwhelming, and difficult to convey in just a few words. The stories the photos tell, the objects left behind, remnants of the past... it makes your imagination go wild! The imagery, the filtering, and the perfection of the photos in this book are just incredible. I will forever keep this book for myself, but

also as a conversation piece for when guests come over. It's a very interesting book, and WELL worth the price tag!

This book will take you places you will probably never be able to go. It's worth every penny and I really appreciate the effort Andre has put into each captivating photograph. Every page tells a rich and poignant story. The decay is awesome in this book. Keep up the great work!

This book belongs in the library of everyone interested in any genre of photography. These images evoke thought and feelings. One can imagine being in the locations experiencing the sounds, smells, and ambiance. Well done my friend!

A truly amazing photographer, Saving the past one photo at a time. From cars to buildings and everything in between he captures forgotten places they were left when the last person walked away.

Beautiful photography, some of my fave pics all in one book, can't beat that! Definite must buy for any photographer or simply anyone who loves urban decay.

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