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Beauty In Decay. Urbex





Synopsis

"Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints." This is the unspoken rule of urban explorers, who sometimes risk their safety, police records, and even their lives to explore abandoned buildings, sewers and storm drains, transit tunnels, utility tunnels, high-security areas of inhabited buildings, and even catacombs such as those in Paris, Rome, Odessa and Naples. Although these urban explorers usually work solo or in small teams, they collectively put forth a ground cry against a modern culture that embraces the new, polished, uniform, and mundane. Urban explorers find the beauty layers of graffiti by years worth of writers, multi-hued peeling paint, antique objects, someone s initials left in the dust on a broken stained glass window and physical manifestations of memory that abandoned, impermanent urban spaces can hold. Beauty in Decay features the best in full-color, panoramic photographs from urban exploration or Urbex around the world. Overgrown industrial complexes, disused lunatic asylums, abandoned palaces and forgotten monasteries are showcased, and paired with clear-sighted, poetic text.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A visually stunning book, full of rich inspiring images providing a really interesting insight into the ethos of urban exlorers. Most photographers probably started out by taking photos of derelict buildings and abandoned places

RomanyWG is a film editor and photographer who's first book Beauty in Decay broke new ground in the genre of Urban Exploration

Has some really cool photos and I also like the quotes in it from urban explorers. It's not completely full of photos, so be aware that there is a bit of text, and also many of the photos have the contrast upped and are otherwise touched up in post-production, so they're not completely natural straight out of the camera but it gives them an even grittier look. A cool book, overall, showcasing a variety of interesting places that most people will never otherwise see, as well as giving a sense of the art of UE photography. The cover also has a nice solid matte feel, for those of you who care about that!

Great! Have a lot of these books but this is really great. Love the commentary also!

This book has a beautiful collection of photographs depicting urban decay in abandoned settings. I love it.

Interesting to see how people left these places. Great images.

Thick pages of surreal pictures of once-grand buildings! Unique architecture, amazing staircases, haunting hallways, plants invading the inner rooms & halls!

This is a wonderful collection of photos with text. I purchased for a nephew and he was very impressed with the quality of photos and the book as well as the accompanying text.

This book is beautiful. I can't wait to purchase the others. Definitely worth the money. Gorgeous photographs and a great read.

Fantastic! The title says it all. The images and collaboration of photographers is stunning. I find it hard to put down.

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