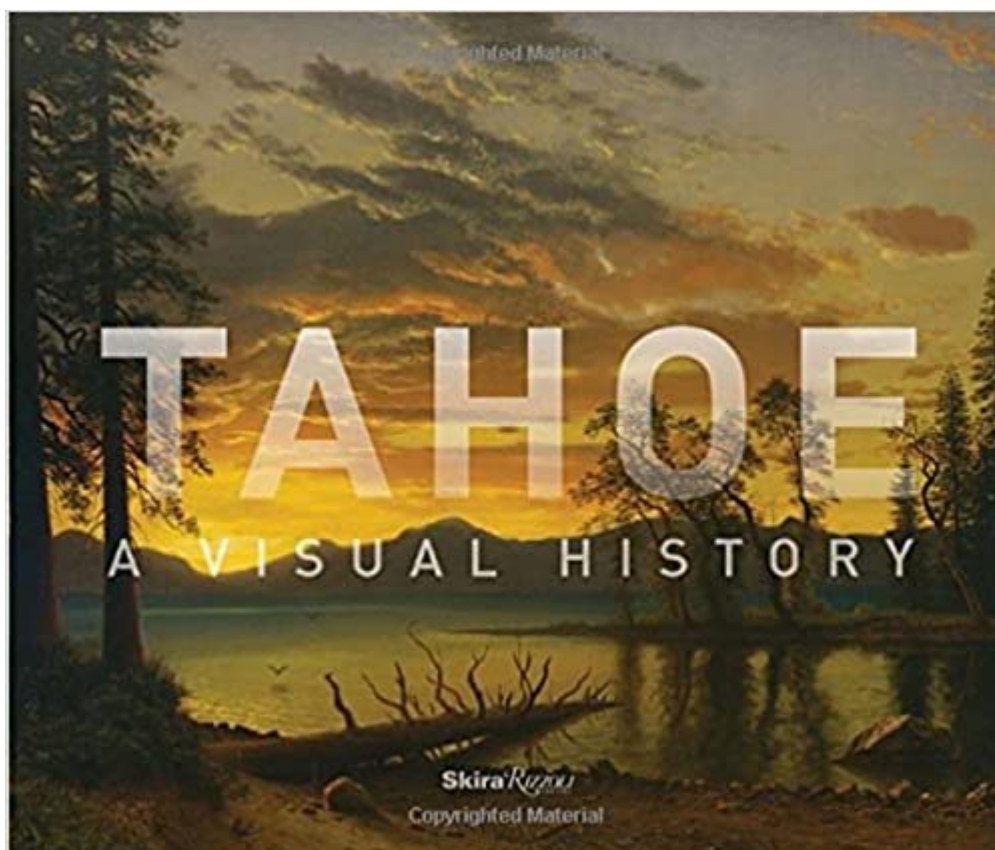


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Synopsis

The definitive survey of art about this national treasure, from Albert Bierstadt to Ansel Adams. Located between California and Nevada, the vast body of water known as Lake Tahoe has lured artists to its shores for centuries. This lavishly illustrated, large-scale book celebrates Lake Tahoe, as well as Pyramid Lake, Donner Lake, and the surrounding Sierra Nevada region's magnificent scenic beauty, through more than 350 paintings, photographs, buildings, and objects. This deluxe volume features lush landscape paintings by Albert Bierstadt, Marianne North, and Thomas Moran; photographs by Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Dorothea Lange, and Edward Weston; Native American Washoe baskets; historical maps and sketches by the region's early explorers; ephemera related to Tahoe tourism of the 1940s to 1960s; and architectural drawings, such as Frank Lloyd Wright's proposed cabin community in Emerald Bay and the historic Glen Alpine Springs Lodge design by Bernard Maybeck. Lake Tahoe continues to attract artists, writers, designers, scientists, and other visitors who recognize the unique qualities that the destination has to offer.

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Customer Reviews

Ann M. Wolfe is senior curator and deputy director of the Nevada Museum of Art, Reno.

This is a huge, heavy, coffee table book. It covers a lot of history of the lake. A lot is dedicated to Indian history around there. It's so big that I've only had time to flip through it, but I love the photos, drawings and paintings! I know I am going to love reading it and am so glad I got this beautiful book!

Beautiful book. The exhibit that inspired this collection was stunning and the book captures that beauty and grandeur. Any Lake Tahoe or Sierra Nevada fan should be inspired by this collection.

Visiting the Nevada State Art Museum to see the exhibit I perused the book as well and decided to get a copy for my library, it is a wonderful collection of historical art of the era.

Beautiful book, great history, diverse art. If you love Tahoe, you'll love it.

Beautiful and so comprehensive ! HEAVY TOO :)

Lake Tahoe is truly one of the most breathtaking locations on the face of the earth. It is only natural that writers would attempt to convey some sense of that majesty between the covers of a book. This most recent coffee-table pictorial is no exception. This book is not your standard contemporary collection of photography but rather a chronicle of the history of the area as seen through the eyes of the artists who've tried to capture that beauty. There are plenty of photographic images to be sure, but they are mostly vintage views that help the reader get some sense of the Lake's history. The paintings and woodcuts selected for this volume were well chosen and as good a collection as one is likely to find in any book on the subject. The obligatory examples of more contemporary art at the tail end are not nearly as impressive but fortunately don't take up too many of the book's pages. I can't really comment on the text in its entirety as I have yet to read the book from cover to cover. And as the text is a secondary consideration in pictorial books I am commenting on my first impressions after a cursory read. That being said, what I have read seems to be well informed and of benefit to the illustrations. This is a well produced volume and the images are all high definition. All the elements are there to offer any reader an enjoyable browsing experience. For someone living in the Tahoe region or who may have a vacation residence in the vicinity this would make an excellent addition to that stack on your coffee-table. My only criticism is the amount of space set aside for the region's Indian basketry. Over a hundred pages of the book are devoted to this subject. The baskets Ms. Wolfe has chosen to highlight are no doubt exceptional but it doesn't seem, at least in this reviewer's opinion, to dovetail well with the book's principle theme. There is ample enough material here to have produced a separate book. And for those whose interest is the lake alone, they would probably have preferred it

that way. I don't want to knock off a full star for the above complaint but I think it should be noted none the less. Overall, I think this a book anyone with an interest in Tahoe would appreciate. And, if in addition to a love of Lake Tahoe you are passionate about Native American basketry you will have really hit the jackpot!

A thorough and detailed history of this treasured region of California told through the great naturalists, painters and photographers who have documented it over generations.

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