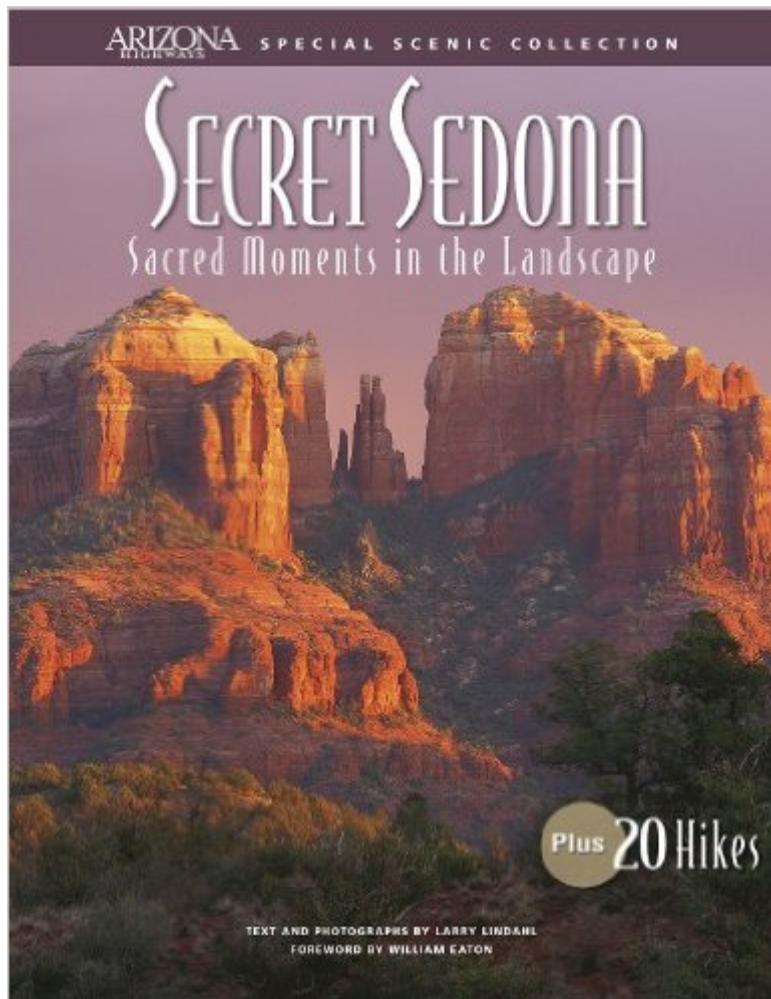


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Secret Sedona: Sacred Moments In The Landscape (Arizona Highways Special Scenic Collections)



Synopsis

Secret Sedona: Sacred Moments in the Landscape takes the reader on an armchair journey to special places resonating with the intimate spirit of nature and ancient peoples. The monumental landscape embodies secret waterfalls, meadows embroidered with delicate wildflowers, ancient cliff dwellings, and many more oh-wow scenes of canyons, mesas, and sandstone wonderlands. Vignettes written by the author-photographer share his wilderness experiences of seeing fog dancing with the red rocks, encountering a rattlesnake on a cliff ledge, smelling the warm summer fragrance of a wild cliff rose, and visiting places occupied by ancient peoples. Contents will appeal to readers who enjoy the works of writers such as Mary Austin, John C. Van Dyke, Barbara Kingsolver, Aldo Leopold, and Ann Zwinger.

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Customer Reviews

Can't say how much I have enjoyed Secret Sedona. Lindahl has found such a unique & original voice for his lyrical descriptions of Sedona's magical mystique, its myriad flora and fauna, and its ancient spirits. Equal parts science (weather, geography, geology, biology, botany) and art (his intimate, running conversation with the land, its animals & plants & spirits), this book is simply a joy to read over and over!!As a fellow Sedonan and landscape photographer, I greatly appreciate Lindahl's stunning portfolio of images. I personally know how hard he's worked to get to these breathtakingly beautiful locations and his work constantly inspires me. For anyone seeking a deep &

meaningful look into the mysteries of Red Rock Country, this is the perfect place to start.

Larry Lindahl's combinations of awesome photography and colorful narrative descriptions, reveals not only the spirit and personality of this incredible landscape, but of his own as well. It gives you a glimpse into the soul of this artist and his incredible drive to explore, uncover and connect with the land. With great respect and a keen eye, he takes you visually into hidden places most people would never make an effort to see themselves, and shares his observations and extensive knowledge of each secret place he encounters. A great addition to anyone's library or a great reason to start one.

Larry Lindahl shares, in words and photographs, an intimate portrait of Sedona's landscape and history. Rich in sensory detail, this book reminds me over and over why I choose to live in Sedona. Larry's journal entries, essays, and photographs clearly convey that this is a place where the soul can be nourished by nature.

Lindahl provides you with an insider's view of the incredible landscape surrounding Sedona in two ways. His many years' experience hiking have taken him to many out-of-the-way and almost inaccessible places--thus the secrets. But he also shares both his insights and what he has learned about the animals, plants, and Native Americans who inhabited this land, which is stark in its beauty. His photos illuminate his stories with scenes that seem almost surreal. As a bonus, Lindahl takes the reader along as he stalks the perfect shot, clammers and bushwhacks his way into hidden canyons, or muses over the scattered bones of an elk.

I remember, when we still lived in The Netherlands, that we saw a book with pictures from the West. We thought the color reproduction was very bad, because how could colors really be like that? Well, we have seen that they really are like that. We traveled many times to the West and we know how difficult it is to capture that feeling of infinite space, unheard of silence, brilliance of colors and one-ness with nature in photographs. Larry Lindahl's "Secret Sedona" does an incredible job with his masterful photographs. The book is worth having just for the pictures, but Larry Lindahl gives the imagery literally more dimensionality with his descriptions of how '... the Ancient Ones watched ...', the fingerprints in the plaster of Indian ruins, the handshapes on cave walls, how the twisted branches make a juniper stronger and how "A watery orchestra of full-bodied sounds fills the chamber". The book is remarkable representation of how The West is.

I've been writing and photographing Sedona myself for a number of years, but was blown away (and jealous) of Larry Lindahl's new book. The photos are tremendous: they are stunning and yet with a kind of intimacy that makes even the most awesome Red Rocks seem personal and alive. I expected the book to cost in the \$25-\$40 range, so the price was a surprise too. Another unexpected note is Lindahl's nice writing, which adds not only his personal story in getting these out-of-the-way photos, but also cool factoids about the Native history of the area. Overall, a good buy for fans of Sedona.

As a professional photographer, I am impressed with the beautiful photography, but the writing is what sets this book apart. The author's sensitivity to his surroundings and his deep connection to, and knowledge of the area provide a unique glimpse into this very special part of the world. The book is organized in a way that allows you to pick it up whenever you have a few minutes and be quickly transported to a place of peace and tranquil beauty. Dennis Jones

Make sure to purchase a copy of "Secret Sedona" without hesitation! This book is the synergy of an extremely talented photographer and a sensitive writer. Images are bold and delicate at the same time; words describe vividly the stories, the feelings and the circumstances. Next thing you know, you are transported in a fairy tale where the land is the host and you the honored guest. Follow the footsteps of Larry Lindahl and let the "Secret Sedona" guide you!

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