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New York Air: The View From Above



Synopsis

Shooting in all seasons and from dawn to dusk, Steinmetz captures the thrilling complexity and romance of 21st-century New York, with its new skyline and waterfront landscape, dazzling contemporary architecture and historic buildings—along with parks and streets and rooftops used for every possible purpose, and the massive infrastructure that keeps it all going. Included are such iconic places as Central Park and Times Square, new landmarks such as the High Line and the September 11 Memorial, One World Trade Center and other additions to the exclusive list of the world's tallest buildings, and intriguing sites throughout the five boroughs. Steinmetz records some of the city's beloved traditions—such as the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, the New York marathon, and the U.S. Open—but what makes his photographs special is their surprising intimacy, as they capture New Yorkers going about their lives in their remarkable city.

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Customer Reviews

Having grown up pouring over Robert Cameron's "Above New York," I'm always excited to see a book of aerial urban photos, especially of New York City. As such, I bought New York Air immediately upon coming across it. I'm glad I did. Initially I felt the photos in New York Air were a bit too close-up. But I realized I was trying to put my own expectations on the book, and not taking it for what it was. Whereas Robert Cameron captured the city's scope, Steinmetz captures its humanity. Humans rarely made a presence in Above New York, whereas they are found frequently in New York Air -- on rooftops, in parks, inside building windows. New York Air gives the city a pulse, exploring the interesting textures and patterns of the city. Window-lines become hypnotizing

artwork. Rooftops reveal myriad easter eggs unseen from the sidewalk. New York is a city that can appear new again from infinite angles, and George Steinmetz captured a beautiful one.

This is an incredible book with only one negative comment....there is not enough pictures of neighborhoods. George Steinmetz is a fabulous photographer! He has done such a wonderful job of displaying images of historical landmarks from the air. I am quite impressed with his dedication in composing these pictures. He paid \$500 an hour to go out in a small helicopter to take these images. As any great artist, he paid attention to shadows and light to make this a masterpiece of New York Live! Each picture is spellbinding in it's own context. In some ways, it is a history book of skyscrapers and some of the world's most famous buildings. I have thoroughly enjoyed viewing and reading this priceless book. I highly recommend buying it for yourself or as a great gift!

This book is spellbinding! Page after page of breathtaking views. It arrived today and I totally lost myself in it for hours. Mr. Steinmetz has a wonderful way of capturing so many aspects of great photography in each and every photo. I will enjoy this book over and over and highly recommend it to anyone who loves New York City and exceptional photography. Thank you, Mr. Steinmetz, for a very memorable journey.

George Steinmetz is a great photographer who is passionate about flying. From motor paraglider to drones, as his readers, we are very lucky to see the world in a totally different view from above. When we look from above, we start to rethink about ourselves as human beings living on the planet. Our lands (from desert air and African air books), and cities (New York Air book), became a new level in the aerial view for us to think we should protect and conserve them. Wish we can see more amazing images from George to bring another thinking point for us under your lens.

Gorgeous! Ever since we found out we were moving to NYC this spring, my husband has been obsessed with looking at aerial pictures of NYC online. He would run in from a different room with his phone outstretched in his hand, shoving the "MOST AMAZING PHOTO OF NYC I HAVE EVER SEEN" in my face. Each time I would roll my eyes. Why on earth would I want to see pictures of things from that angle? It's a city! With buildings! Ugh. So naturally, I bought this for my husband for Christmas. And then! Then I sneaked a peak at this book! The pictures are beautiful and so full of life and light. This book has made me that much more excited about our upcoming move. I ate up the captions and craved more information. It's very nicely put together. Everyone in the family argues

over who gets to look at it next. I almost passed this book by based on the small quantity of reviews, but I am so glad I did not. Also- remove the dust jacket to see the beautiful cover.

I follow GS on Instagram for quite a while now. When I realized he has books too I made sure to pick one up of my home city New York! The images are amazing and as a New Yorker I can relate to each one of them. I especially love how on some pictures he placed a side by side comparison of the same location taken in both winter while blanketed in snow and in summer with people all around. This book is a great coffee table item!

This book shows New York from a very different perspective. Moreover, it is very current -- you see the Freedom Tower (WTC One) fully completed, not still under construction. I love the straight-down shots, too. As drones become more prevalent this kind of photography will be less unique, but even when that happens, this unique perspective will still stand out.

Beautiful images, but I would have liked to have seen more from the boroughs instead of Manhattan. There were some from the Bronx, Queens, Staten Island and Brooklyn, but not quite enough for me.

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