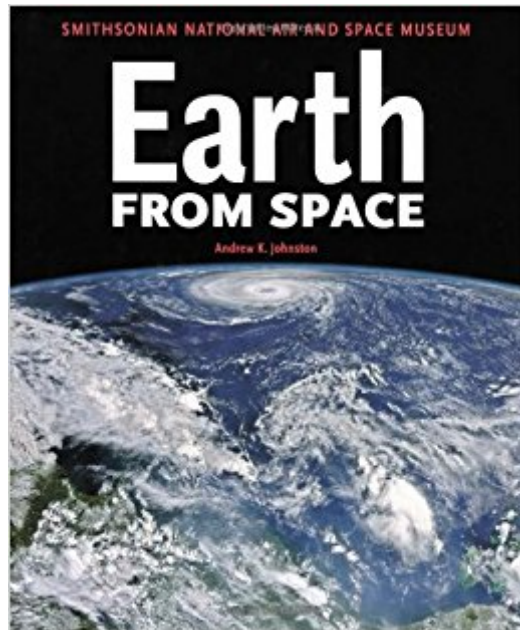




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Synopsis

Three hundred spectacular views of Earth taken by the latest generation of satellites. For orbiting satellites, no place on Earth is isolated. The Himalayas are as easy to photograph as Manhattan. While satellite images are important for science and technical needs, they can also be appreciated for their astonishing beauty. Earth From Space shows how satellite imaging -- also called remote sensing -- works and showcases some of the most extraordinary photographs ever published. In the mid-1990s a new generation of satellites began to orbit the Earth. More powerful and accurate than ever, they can record the effects of human and natural forces, and how the planet is changing through time can be clearly seen. The book also dispels popular misconceptions like those used in Hollywood movies for dramatic effect such as exaggerated surveillance capabilities of orbiting satellites. However, what the satellites do see is nothing short of spectacular. Earth From Space presents stunning color photographs of: Coastal ports and major world cities Military installations such as the Russian Pacific submarine fleet Rebuilding lower Manhattan and the Pentagon after 9/11 Landscapes of wars including Iraq and Iran Rain forests, wetlands, coral reefs, rivers and mountains Effects of deforestation and desertification Earth From Space covers subjects ranging from aeronautics to history to ecology with unforgettable illustrations - an expansive big picture view of the world.

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Customer Reviews

Containing several hundred color images sorted among the subjects of weather, biota, geology, and human activity, this gallery reflects the revolution in satellite reconnaissance in which film was

replaced by computer-massaged imagery. Remote sensing, no longer the intelligence secret it was until the early 1990s, reveals stunning perspectives of the earth, which the author has skillfully represented here. Most of Johnston's selections date from the past five years, and few who delve into his book will be able to resist scrutinizing one or another of the images, for their detail is remarkably sharp. None depict the proverbial license plate, but the Hollywood sign is legible, and plainly visible too are landmark structures across the globe. The volume emphasizes how humans have altered the earth's surface and atmosphere, and the concomitant if unintentional aesthetic is irresistible. The beauty of river deltas, typhoons, erupting volcanoes, and even Vermont's fall colors contribute to this browser's treasury. Gilbert Taylor Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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Good read for any space nut.

This book is incredible. To my knowledge there is no other collection available with such up-to-date (many were shot in 2003) and high-resolution photographs of our planet from space. Most of the photos are mind-boggling. There are many instances of comparison shots that span decades. For example, a 1967 Rhodonia (province in Brazil) shot and a 2002 Rhodonia - the land deforestation as seen from space is shocking. This book is a fantastic resource for the conservation-oriented. It is also a very aesthetically pleasing book. While many photos show ecological damage, others show the wonderful wholeness of our planet. Shots of snow-covered North America (after a winter storm) were also very beautiful - I had never seen such a photo before, with great swaths of the Midwest covered in white. City shots are also very revealing. You will have difficulty closing this book once it is opened. I give it my highest recommendation.

If you want a colorful, generalized book about the types of things remote sensing satellites can 'see' and 'detect' this is a book for you. The aerial photography is stunning and the commentary about the photos is well done, although too short and lacking in detail. As there is little 'depth', this is not a book for the academic-minded. Its niche seems to be as a 'coffee table' book, but unfortunately my copy came paperbound (instead of hardcover) so it makes a rather 'floppy' coffee-table package. I would have given 4-stars if the book were hardbound (even if it cost \$4 more that way) but, as-is, I'd recommend the paperback edition only for the most budget-minded. However the price is very low and the color reproduction is excellent.

This collection of color satellite images is fascinating and awe inspiring. Dramatic images show weather phenomena like active hurricanes, forest fires and tornado paths. Rivers, oceans, lakes and deserts illustrate the varieties of our planet and other images show how man-made constructions have altered the earth. Especially distressing are images that show the effects of deforestation and oil spills. Cities like Paris and New York are featured as well as famous structures like the pyramids, Statue of Liberty, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway in New Orleans and the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur. City views alone would make a fascinating book - this volume shows aerial views of Paris, New York, Venice, San Francisco, San Diego, Pittsburg, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. One of the most memorable images is a photo of Earth taken at night showing city lights.

Lots of computer graphic enhanced pics, Not alot of text, But it does have lots of pics of the natural world and human impact. A must for a geography lovers library.

This should be a delight to look at as well as useful for all age groups as well as useful to geologists like myself and of course geographers.

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