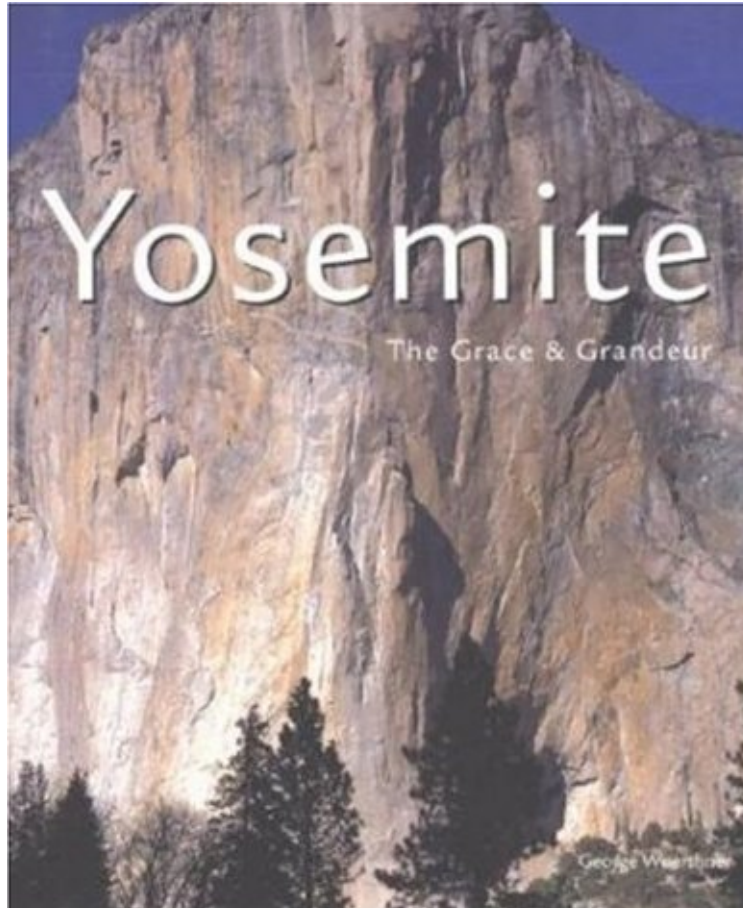


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George Wuerthner : Yosemite: The Grace Grandeur before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Yosemite: The Grace Grandeur:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy Germaine Weaver great book6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Plan Your Trip, Extend Your Vision and Feed Your SoulBy Donald Mitchell Most people who have viewed the many natural wonders in the United States place Yosemite somewhere near the top in terms of remarkable beauty, grandeur and spirituality. If you have not yet been there, I certainly hope you will plan to do so. You probably already know the area from having seen many of the remarkable landscape shots done by Ansel Adams. Many people who have been to Yosemite feel that they know it well from having seen it from the bottom of Yosemite Valley and having viewed Mr. Adams's remarkable photography. I have had the pleasure of visiting Yosemite many times from when I was just a youngster growing up in California. Each time I go, I plan to see another part of the park. Interestingly, I find myself drawn more to the areas outside of the bottom of Yosemite Valley than to those areas where most visitors congregate. For example, when I took my wife there for her first visit, we went first to the Mariposa Grove to see the giant sequoias. I was hooked on this book when it started out the same way, after an

introductory section that focuses on the geological, historical and political background of Yosemite. When I discovered that the book pays a lot of attention to the high country where most visitors never go (even though you can drive through Tioga Pass), I decided that it was important to encourage people to read this book. It will open your eyes, mind and heart to the full scope of Yosemite. By being in color, those images provide a totally different perspective on Yosemite. These views will help those who have been to Yosemite recapture the feelings that they had while there. For potential visitors, the book is an excellent resource for planning a worthwhile trip. I was especially pleased to see that the wildlife were well captured in the images. No book that I have read and enjoyed captures Yosemite so well for me as this one. I hope you will decide to read it. After you have finished the book, I urge you to find ways that you can commune with nature more frequently in places that inspire the positive parts of who you are. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Much More Than a Coffee-Table Book By A Customer "Yosemite - the Grace Grandeur" is a must-have for anyone who plans to visit this beautiful park or who wants to re-live the memories of having visited it. While it's chock-full of beautiful photos (it's also called "A Pictorial Discovery Guide"), it also contains wonderfully written text about everything from the Park's history to its wildlife. We just got back from a visit to the park a couple of weeks ago, and immediately knew this one was a keeper!

From legendary photographer Ansel Adams to renowned writer John Muir, Yosemite National Park has inspired generations of artists, photographers, and writers. Today, Yosemite's dramatic waterfalls and vibrant meadows, exalted mountains and glassy lakes, still inspire all who encounter them. Join writer, photographer, and ecologist George Wuerthner as he explores Yosemite, America's most revered terrain. Climb Half Dome, wander endless green meadows, feel the mist of Yosemite Falls--the tallest waterfall in North America--and behold the majesty of the giant sequoias. Bring home Yosemite: The Grace Grandeur and immerse yourself in the rich experience of Yosemite, a land beckoning expeditions, promising renewal, and enriching our souls.

From Library Journal Few sights on Earth are more spectacular than the view from the parking lot at Yosemite National Park. There, spread before you, is a valley of incomparable beauty, a scene that is difficult to comprehend fully the geology, the waterfalls, and the mountains all combine to produce a picture of sublime tranquility. Perhaps it is heresy to state that a photographer has surpassed or even equaled Ansel Adams's stark black-and-white photographs of Yosemite, which have long been held up as the standard by which all other nature photos are judged, but in this beautiful pictorial guide, Wuerthner, himself a photographer and ecologist, certainly challenges the standard. Wuerthner goes beyond the typical tourist shots to present a panorama of Yosemite that only a gifted artist could capture. And while the photographs fully attest to the majesty as well as the fragility of this treasure, the text itself is also compelling. Wuerthner passionately argues against further development in or near the park, backing up his conservationist statements with an impressive knowledge of natural history. No matter how many books on Yosemite your library may already have, make room for this very special addition. Joseph L. Carlson, Allan Hancock Community Coll., CA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author George Wuerthner is a freelance writer, photographer, and ecologist. He has written 23 books, including "Yosemite: A Visitor's Companion," and five other natural history guides to national parks, wilderness guides to California, and geographical overviews of specific regions. His photographs have appeared in such magazines as "National Geographic" and "Arizona Highways," as well as in calendars and books. His photographs have also been displayed at the Smithsonian, the National Museum of Natural History, and other museums.