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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

“Stunning aerial photos show a side of New York you’ve never seen.”

(Huffington Post) “These aerial views of New York City will take your breath away.”

(Fortune) “George Steinmetz’s new photo book, *New York Air: The View From*

Above, presents an unparalleled visual feast of this well-known metropolis. Every photo offers a new perspective and a level of detail that turns familiar places into never-seen-before spectacles.

Popular views are transformed, and an exclusive, secretive New York is revealed: the curvy

contours of Central Park’s trails encircling baseball fields blanketed with snow; the contrast

of old and new as the glowing Freedom Tower competes with the iconic Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges; or the privilege of looking into Lady Liberty's neoclassical eyes.

(TIME) "The best view of New York might be from above, as the brilliant photographs of George Steinmetz help us to see. This is a city usually beyond our seeing. Steinmetz captures his images from a helicopter or a flying lawn chair he designed, freeing him to see the world's deserts, oceans, jungles, cities. Not just look at them. See them. Suddenly, through his eyes, we are above New York. On first seeing the Steinmetz images, I felt again, for the first time in several years, a sense of wonder." (Pete Hamill) "[Steinmetz] sees the city's landmarks with new eyes, presenting a feast of unexpected color and geometry in 120 photographs that test your powers of recognition." (The New York Times)

Before he turned to photographing New York from a helicopter, George Steinmetz documented the Earth's remote and exotic regions from his motorized paraglider, working mostly for National Geographic and GEO magazines. His previous books include *Desert Air*, *African Air*, and *Empty Quarter*. He lives in Glen Ridge, New Jersey

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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

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.

Great photos. I purchased this book just before my first trip to NYC, It gave me a feel for what I was about to experience. Beautiful photos and a nice addition to my library. Fast delivery. Thank you.

I purchased this book as gift for my parents who live abroad and are too old to visit me in New York. The book is amazing and manages to make New York look magical. Although I am not a huge fan of living in New York, the book makes it look like a fairy-tale city (an urban fairy tale) and reassured my parents that New York " ... must be one of the safest, cleanest, most relaxing, and most beautiful cities in the US!" . That's was my ultimate goal (why ruin their image of the city) and the photos are truly amazing so 5 stars!

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