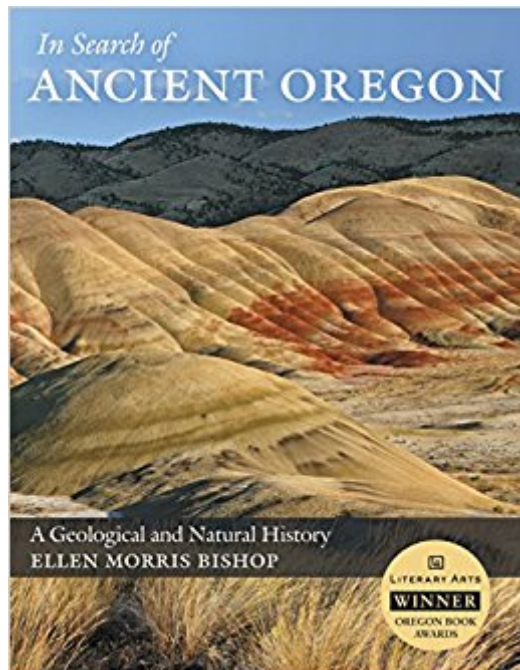




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In Search Of Ancient Oregon: A Geological And Natural History



Synopsis

Geology is an extremely visual subject, and *In Search of Ancient Oregon* is a beautifully photographed, expertly written account of Oregon's fascinating geological story. Written by a passionate and professional geologist who has spent countless hours in the field exploring and photographing the state, *In Search of Ancient Oregon* is a book for all those interested in Oregon's landscapes and environments. It presents fine-art-quality color photographs of well-known features such as Mount Hood, Crater Lake, Smith Rock, Steens Mountain, the Columbia River Gorge, and Cannon Beach, and scenic, not so well known places such as Jordan Craters, Leslie Gulch, Abert Rim, Hells Canyon, Elkhorn Mountains, and Three Fingered Jack. Each of the more than 220 stunning photographs is accompanied by readable text, presenting the story of how Oregon's diverse landscapes evolved --- and what we may expect in the future. Until now, no book has presented this dynamic story in a way that everyone interested in Oregon's natural history can easily understand. The combination of extraordinary photographs and the author's lucid explanations make this book both unique and essential for those curious about our own contemporary landscape.

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Customer Reviews

“Highly recommended.” •Choice “The author’s photos bring the story of Oregon’s landscapes to life.” •Publishers Weekly
“A fascinating book looking into the geology and natural history of Oregon stretching back

some 400 million years. Its wealth of superlative photographs is the ideal accompaniment to a text that is lively in its unfolding.

•American Rhododendron Society Journal

“This lavishly illustrated and beautifully designed book pulled me in.

•Eugene Weekly

“Oregon’s ever-changing landscape is explored in this absorbing book about the state’s geological and ecological history.

•Alaska Airlines Magazine

“Oregon has never seen a book quite like this. It is a book to be paged through admiring the photos, then read slowly, and finally placed in your bookcase as a reference. Bishop’s work will be around for a long time.

•Northwest Books

“Bishop guides us through Oregon’s formative epochs with the sure hand of a scientist who’s comfortable communication beyond the often arcane confines of science.

•The Oregonian

“Recommended for anyone who has an interest in either geology or Oregon.

•E-Streams

“Anyone who thinks geology and natural history are dull will change their minds after glancing through this book. It’s accessible, well designed, thorough, accurate and easily calls forth vivid visions of Oregon in the distant past.

•Salem Statesman Journal

“Bishop’s expertise as a writer comes through with an exceedingly well informed and yet readable account of the 400-million-year history of the region.

•New Scientist

“Until now, no book has presented this dynamic story in a way that everyone interested in Oregon’s natural history can easily understand.

•Hood River News

“In Search of Ancient Oregon is an interesting resource for guides wanting to share more information about the state’s unique and dramatic geological history that formed its mountains, gorges, lakes, vistas, coastline and reefs.

•Travel Planner’s Resource to the West

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After years of going camping and visiting various sites in Eastern Oregon, I wanted to learn more about how the land was formed. I checked out the book from the library and realized I wanted a

copy that I could read slowly and enjoy. It's very readable, without being a book for dummies.

If you love Oregon - you will love this book. I consider myself well in-tune with facts about the natural world (watched endless Oregon Field Guide as a kid growing up, love paleontology, getting my PhD in medical biology) - but I never realized how much we knew about Oregon until I read this book! Did you know we can exactly date - and time (to within a few hours) - the last major Cascadia fault quake and Tsunami to hit Oregon around 1790?! I sure didn't! Ellen has one of the easiest to understand writing styles I've ever encountered. Yes the book can be technical in parts - but that's because little is dumbed down in the author's very clear explanation of everything you wanted to know about the land beneath our feet. The photographs are as gorgeous as the text. THANK YOU for this book.

In Search of Ancient Oregon, with its clear, engaging text and beautiful photos, sparked an interest in Oregon geology I had never possessed. Bishop has made the topic so approachable and interesting that her enthusiasm for geology soon infects the reader. And to add to the sense of awe that she brings to the subject, her exquisite photographs draws the reader into the topic. Having travel all over Oregon for years, I have had many moments when I said to myself, Oh, that's why the landscape looks like that! The book is worth the cost just for her exceptional photos. I have seen so many travel or hiking books with mediocre photos and it always struck me as sad. This book is deeply informative and a pleasure to read and evaluate. It is true Bishop does not have maps and diagrams that would sometimes be welcome in trying to understand the intricacies of geology. But I expect this was a deliberate decision. Photographic art and diagrams would seem somewhat jarring next to each other. Let this book inspire you to read more in detail from another book on Northwest geology if you long for greater detail. Overall, a splendid book that I plan to share with my family.

I found this book so entertaining that I purchased 3 of them to give to close friends, that have the same interest's I do.

I started reading my brother-in-law's new copy while visiting in Oregon and HAD to get my own to finish it. I am a fourth-generation Oregonian (relocated to the Last Frontier now) but none of THIS (geologic) history was included in twelve years of Oregon public education. This book was written for people like me - not a geologist, but someone who has looked at the places shown in the (beautiful) photographs without a clue as to what I was actually seeing. Now I can better appreciate

even what I see here in Southeast Alaska. And Ms Bishop, while not a novelist, has included both trivia and humor in her narrative. Not a book for most readers (and certainly not for couch potatoes or web surfers - we need to be out-of-doors to appreciate what surrounds us), but a valuable addition to any collection of similar tomes.

The purchase process was just great and my order arrived sooner than I expected. The book itself is excellent. It's written in an interesting and easy to follow manner. It doesn't bog you down in pedantic detail. The best part is the photography. I've any number of books like this that have only black and white photos. There will be a wonderful description of something that highlights the value of color and it will be accompanied by a black and white picture ... very frustrating. This book is worth looking through for the photography alone and that photography does a wonderful job of illustrating the text. I can't recommend this book highly enough.

This is probably one of the best books I've ever read on Oregon geology. Fascinating, instructive, full of information and I keep recommending it to friends.

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