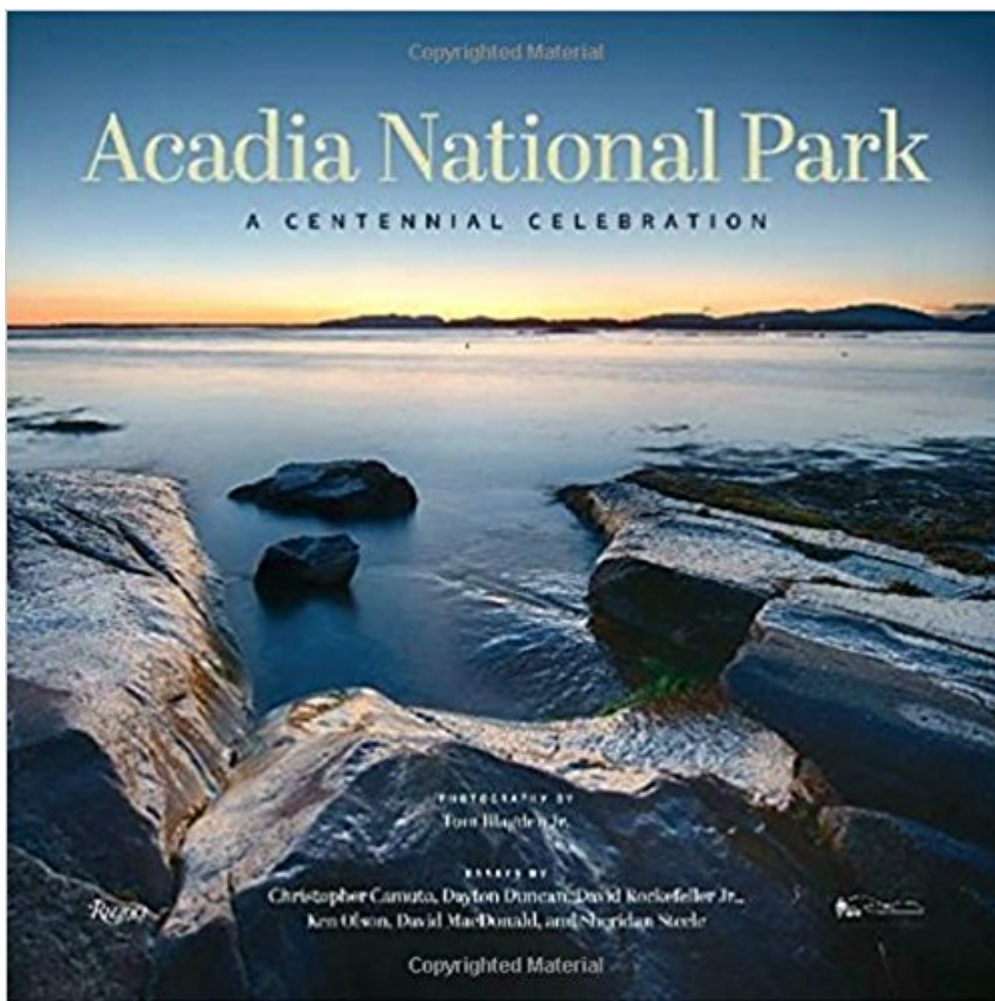


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# Acadia National Park: A Centennial Celebration



## Synopsis

The official book of Maine's treasured and New England's only national park, on the occasion of the park's centennial. Created in 1916, and encompassing 45,000 acres on two islands and a mainland peninsula on the rugged coast of Maine, Acadia National Park is a jewel of granite mountains, filigreed coastlines, unique cultural resources, dazzling night skies, and precious communities of plant and animal life. Drawing more than 2.5 million visitors each year, Acadia is one of the ten most popular national parks in the United States. The only illustrated book officially published with the Friends of Acadia, this stunning portfolio of photographs reveals Acadia's diverse habitats and brings home the contrasts of pounding ocean and silent coves, bald mountain summits and deep forest valleys, as never before seen. The essays convey the unseen story of Acadia: its history as a national park; the critical role of the founding families in its creation; the past and current importance of private stewardship; and its status as a unique park forged in a particular time and place in history. Acadia National Park celebrates the essence of this special place and offers a cherished journey into its past, present, and future.

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"In honor of the 100th anniversary of Maine's Acadia National Park, Rizzoli has published this handsome coffee-table book featuring six essays and the exquisite photography of Tom Blagden Jr. as he captures the essence of the land throughout the seasons."-CHICAGO TRIBUNE"Located off the rugged coast of Maine on Mount Desert Island, [Acadia National Park] boasts the tallest

mountain on the East Coast (Cadillac Mountain), extensive forests, deep valleys, serene springs and the wave-pounded coastlines that characterize the region. "If you've yet to experience the park for yourself, this beautiful portfolio could be a great way to get your first look." -MetroSource

Tom Blagden Jr. is a professional nature photographer and author of *First Light: Acadia National Park and Maine's Mount Desert Island*, which won a 2006 National Outdoor Book Award. Dayton Duncan coproduced the documentary *The National Parks: America's Best Idea* with Ken Burns. David Rockefeller Jr. is the oldest living member of the Rockefeller family. Sheridan Steele is superintendent of Acadia National Park.

Agree completely with previous review. The photographer's family owns property on Mt Desert Island, some of which is a nature preserve you can visit. (Do it!) He knows every bit of Acadia / MDI and is a superlative photographer. The only photo book which rivals this one is *First Light*, by.....Tom Blagden. It is out of print but WELL worth buying used. It was shot on film but stands up very well against Tom's new book. I have been going to Acadia for decades, have examined every photo book I have come across, and nothing touches Tom's work.

FINALLY! Somebody finally got it right! This coffee table book is a tour de force that does justice to this magnificent national park, with nice large crisp beautiful photographs that portray both the intimacy of the park as well as its beautiful landscapes and wild life. I would imagine two things about Mr. Blagden: 1] that he spent A LOT of time photographing this park, and 2] that he really enjoyed doing so. I don't think he missed a thing. All the places I wish I could have photographed well, he did magnificently. This book will bring back precious memories to those who have been to Acadia, but it will also inspire those who have not seen this wondrous place to immediately start planning to do so. What a great celebration of the centennial of this magical place.

In 2016, Acadia National Park celebrated its centennial. This book is its official publication, a short collection of essays commemorating the birth of Acadia, its continuing relevance as a place of remarkable physical beauty, and its somewhat competing destiny as one of the popular, and most visited, national parks. The bulk of the book is given over to a superb collection of color photographs by Tom Blagden. The photos cover the main park and its satellite portions on Isle Au Haut and the Schoodic Peninsula. They are breathtaking, an invitation to come see the sights in person, and a warning of how fragile is the park if it is not cared for in its second 100 years. "Acadia National Park"

is highly recommended as a souvenir of the park.

We actually saw this book at our Bed & Breakfast in Bar Harbor and ordered it from right then and there. We were in Acadia every day for a week and I can tell you this book captures the majesty and allure better than any we've seen. Stunning photographs and fascinating text make this the perfect tribute to the hidden gem that is Acadia.

This is a very interpretive but interesting set of photos. Closups, fog, critters and completely misses the character of Acadia with little grand views of the major features. I would send it back but want to support the park where I spent a lot of time and money protecting the environment over many years.. I would send it back but I want to support the area where we had a vacation home for a quarter of a century and where I was a camp counselor in my college years and spent a lot of time and money fighting to protect the environment as a lawyer.

We visited Acadia on summer vacations for about 25 years, and know the island very well. Due to health problems we have not been back for 8 years. The beautiful photographs and essays bring back many happy memories. If you have never been there this book will give you an excellent reason to do so yourself and create your own memories.

Almost as good as being there !!!

The pictures are beautiful.

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