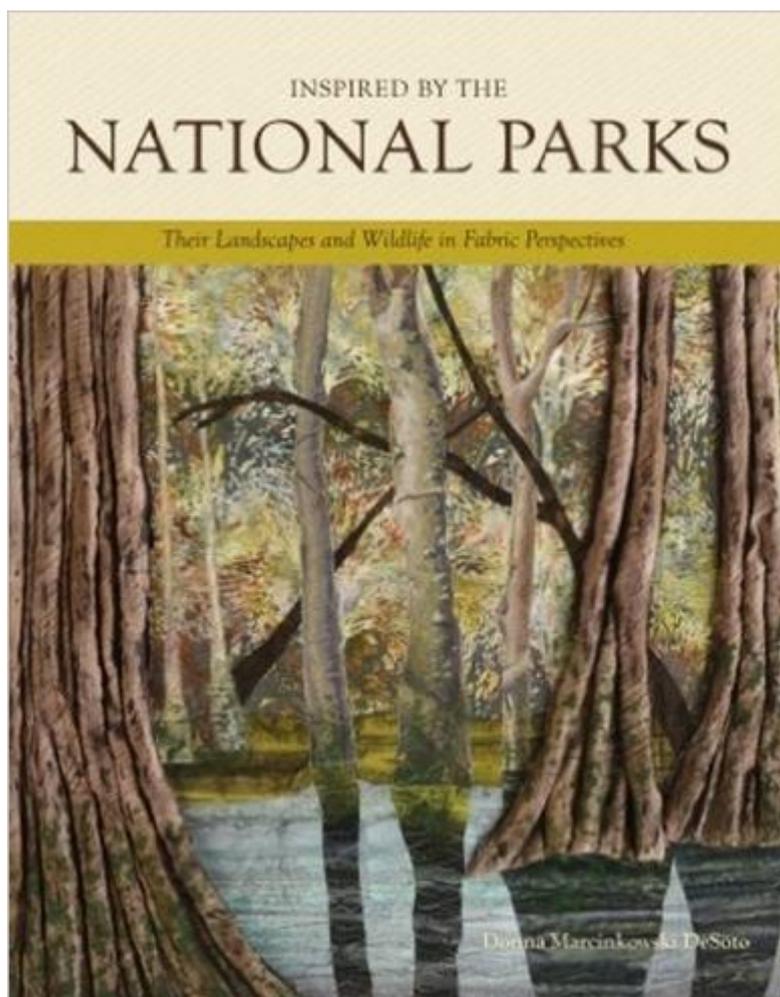


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# Inspired By The National Parks: Their Landscapes And Wildlife In Fabric Perspectives



## Synopsis

A colorful celebration of the 59 US National Parks, this collection of 177 original art quilts depicts the widely varying landscapes, flora, and fauna of the parks. Basic facts about each of these national treasures from Acadia in Maine, to Voyageurs in Minnesota, to Yosemite in California, to Haleakal in Hawaii are included, along with short writings from 64 park rangers and other personnel. The book reveals individual glimpses into the passionate commitment to preserve, protect, and enjoy these special places.

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## Customer Reviews

I love this book! Not only do I love our National Parks but I love the different quilts in the book. This book contains so many wonderful personal stories about the National Parks and about the quilts that were inspired by them. It's enjoyable to read and it's fascinating to look at all the different ways the quilts were made. It's artistic, informative and well put together. A great way to treasure our beautiful country!

I love the boundless beauty of our national parks. And who doesn't love a great quilt? Donna Macinkowski DeSoto shows how those two loves can come together in *Inspired by the National Parks: Their Landscapes and Wildlife in Fabric Perspectives*. For this project, quilt artists were recruited to create quilts inspired by, you guessed, national parks. These quilts are not your grandma's quilting bee quilts, but real works of art. (I'm sure your grandma made some nice quilts,

but, well, they probably don't compare to these.) Each chapter features reflections from a park ranger or other park employee, as well as reflections by the artists. But the real attraction is the quilts themselves. The quilts are gorgeous and varied. Some are a bit abstract. Most are representational, including both landscapes and wildlife. You will definitely find some favorites. My next vacation may be inspired by Inspired by the National Parks! Oh, by the way, these all look great in the book. I bet they look even better in person. They may be on display in your area. The schedule is on this web site: [...] Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

Not only is this wonderful book full of fabulous art quilts inspired by the National Parks, but it includes touching, funny, and thoughtful stories from the artists who contributed quilts. The addition of narratives from park rangers from each of the parts rounds is a wonderful addition. You will enjoy reading this book and will be inspired to visit the national treasures that are our National Parks.

This book is not just another quilt book. It is a beautiful tribute to our National Parks with input from individuals representing each of the parks in addition to the interpretations of the landscapes, flora and fauna. It is coffee table caliber to be treasured over time. My disclaimer is that my work is represented in the book. But as a quilt artist, I am thrilled with the quality of the photography and presentation of each of the 177 quilts. I also saw the full exhibit this past week end and again, the quality of the book does justice to the workmanship in each of the quilts.

Beautiful and talented. I can't wait to see the tour. These beautiful quilts brings the parks to you in the talent of these wonderful quilters.

After the Ken Burns PBS special on the US National Parks, this book is the icing on the cake. The book shows such artistry and passion for the parks and for the flora and fauna they protect. The personal stories are so inspiring and informative and the needlework is phenomenal. It will be a source of delight over many cups of tea.

Donna Desoto has produced a lovely testimonial to our country's National Parks. The book itself (the photos, color, paper quality, text and writing style) is a piece of art. Each art quilt and accompanying description by the rangers serve to echo the words of conservationist John Muir, words that introduce each park system. The book is a wonderful addition to anyone's library, as well

as inspiration for that next vacation you plan to take!

Inspired by the National Parks by Donna Marcinkowski DeSoto is a stunning book using the beauty of landscape quilts to illustrate the beauty and importance of National Parks. My initial interest in this book was a friend who likes to quilt. Like most people, I like quilts but know very little about making them. In looking at these quilts and reading about what inspired each quilt maker to make what they did, I came to appreciate much more the work and detail that goes into every step of the process. Those sections about each quilt make those beautiful quilts even more precious in my eyes. The book also includes a brief entry from a Park Ranger or other Park representative discussing each park. This intro to each park is followed by the quilts inspired by that park. This overall experience is wonderful and has made me want to revisit the parks I've seen and visit those I haven't. The pictures are wonderful, the explanations for each quilt make them very personal and the park overview from a park representative puts those individual perspectives into the bigger picture. All in all I think this book has found the ideal mix of both visual and textual tribute for a park system that is so important to our society. Reviewed from a copy made available by the publisher via Edelweiss.

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