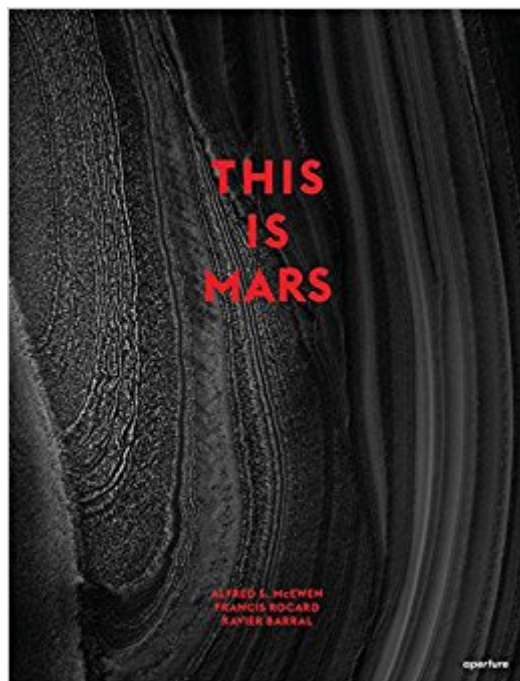


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This *Is Mars* offers a previously unseen vision of the red planet. Located somewhere between art and science, the book brings together for the first time a series of panoramic images recently sent back by the U.S. observation satellite MRO (Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter). Since its arrival in orbit in 2006, MRO and its HiRISE telescope have been mapping Mars's surface in a series of exceptionally detailed images that reveal all the beauty of this legendary planet. Conceived as a visual atlas, the book takes the reader on a fantastic voyage—plummeting into the breathtaking depths of the Valles Marineris canyons; floating over the black dunes of Noachis Terra; and soaring to the highest peak in our solar system, the Olympus Mons volcano. The search for traces of water also uncovers vast stretches of carbonic ice at the planet's poles. Seamlessly compiled by French publisher, designer and editor Xavier Barral, these extraordinary images are accompanied by an introduction by research scientist Alfred S. McEwen, principle investigator on the HiRISE telescope; an essay by astrophysicist Francis Rocard, who explains the story of Mars's origins and its evolution; and a timeline by geophysicist Nicolas Mangold, who unveils the geological secrets of this fascinating planet.

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The photographs are credited to NASA/MRO (Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter). Its the most sophisticated camera mankind has ever built and these photos are some of the highest resolution images ever taken. These images are not intended to be art—they are scientific documents,

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I think my eyes had an orgasm. The photos are spectacular, detailed, well printed, and full of interest. Compositions are very interesting and there is a HUGE variety of forms, textures, and pattern in these landscapes. The graphic design of the book is also wonderful. Everything from the typography to the page layout was well executed. The maps in the back are really cool and well presented. There are notes for every photo. The book, and pages in it, are quite large and heavy which is a nice touch. If you like landscapes, abstract compositions, natural textures, and Mars... this is a book for you.

I bought this as a Christmas present for my NASA-loving Dad. He's always been into the whole space scene ever since seeing the lunar landing as a kid. He's always been really difficult to shop for, so imagine how excited I was when I found this book. A word of caution, however, this isn't a small book. Weighing in at about 6 pounds, you could probably throw four legs on this bad boy and use it as a coffee table (if the publishers like this idea, feel free to contact me). Prime shipping for this book was a fantastic surprise. This isn't a glorified picture-book, no sir, this book comes with a description of the satellite and the project, totaling about a third of this book, followed by a bunch of high-res pictures, and then a section with smaller versions of the pictures accompanied with descriptions. As soon as my dad opened this, he sat down, and read the entire thing. This book is well worth the price tag.

I saw this at a book store in bad condition for over \$100 so I bought on . I haven't yet looked at every photograph [but this is without a doubt the most beautiful collection of images I've ever seen.](#) The quality is great, design is great [but simply the huge variety of landscapes and textures without any captions or explanations leads the mind to grand thoughts of what happened \(or what happens\) on this planet.](#) I can't believe I just wrote this review [because I still feel speechless \(and I've had it for a week\).](#) One of my most

prized possessions.

This Is Mars is incredibly beautiful and printed on such quality paper it's hard to believe it's really in your own possession. Highly recommended for photographers who enjoy rich, abstract, textural art, or for those simply fascinated by natural phenomena that cannot be found here on our own planet.

Magnificent images. The black and white printing is excellent. Its big size makes you feel in a strange world that looks as a product of imagination, but you know it is not a fantasy, these are real places.

Stunning, beautiful, amazing. There is nothing to compare to it. Also a fine and lovely binding, beautiful paper. It's a pleasure to own and hold and touch something so fine. Three times the asking price would have been fair.

A great example of art meeting science. In my opinion, the photographs are excellent examples of the art of black and white imagery.

This is a coffee table book, not for learning science. The images are amazing in detail and clarity. Totally recommend it just for the ooohhs and aaaahs.

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