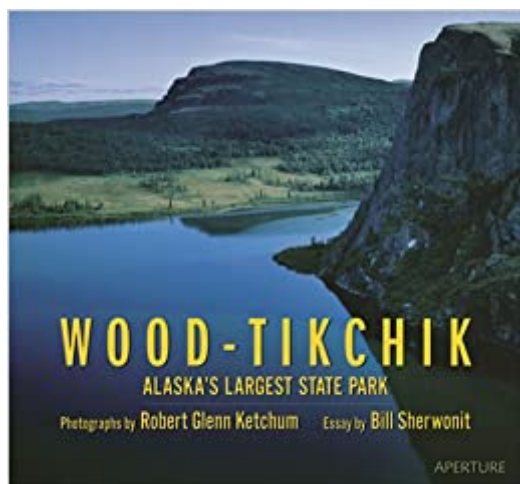


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With *Wood-Tikchik: Alaska's Largest State Park*, Robert Glenn Ketchum continues his exploration of Alaska, now focusing on one of the most significant watersheds in the world. The Wood-Tikchik State Park, a vast wilderness, is home to moose, grizzly bears, eagles, salmon and one of the largest species of rainbow trout in the world. Accessible only by boat, plane, or on foot, these wild lands are nevertheless vulnerable to commercial exploitation. Ketchum's stunning images immerse viewers in the extraordinary detail, color and scale that defines this relatively unknown world of tundra and boreal forests, offering readers the unique experience of understanding the need to preserve this special ecosystem. In his accompanying essay, Bill Sherwonit provides an excellent account of the historical use of the park and makes a compelling case for protecting one of North America's most important watersheds from fragmentation and unnecessary development. "For several decades, Ketchum has followed the trail of Ansel Adams and Eliot Porter, focusing on threatened areas of our planet... The extraordinary details--the flow of colors, the depth, the multitude of textures--awaken the viewer to the fragile foundations of the grandest landscape: the mind." --Bonnie Barret Stretch, ARTnews

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Robert Glenn Ketchum was named one of the one hundred champions of conservation who shaped the environmental movement of the twentieth century by Audubon. American Photo listed him as one of the most important people in photography.

I've lived in Alaska for a long time and I've had the privilege of traveling to the Bristol Bay area and other parts of western Alaska a good number of times. The allure of this area for many is the trophy fishing, but one of the things that any visitor to this area comes away with is a vision of an area whose rare beauty goes beyond the fish that live in the streams, or the animals that stalk the land and that also attract hunters. In addition, for the photographer, the land of western Alaska poses both opportunities and challenges. The opportunities of course are the many beautiful vistas. The challenges are capturing the spirit of a truly unique landscape. In this book -- "Wood-Tikchik" and another volume "Rivers of Life", Mr. Ketchum succeeds where in my opinion no one else has in capturing the spirit of the land in the Bristol Bay and western Alaska regions. This is not merely a collection of pictures to grace a coffee table, this is a photographic record of a very unique land. This is a book that will be treasured. I highly recommend you get a copy. Maybe more than one....it makes a great present.

Wood-Tikchik: Alaska's Largest State Park is an impressive and superbly presented compendium of Robert Glenn Ketchum's magnificent color photography showcasing the pristine natural areas comprising the largest state park in Alaska. A vast, river-laced landscape, Ketchum approached this project with a true artist's eye to visually capture extraordinary photographs of unforgettable Alaska mountain and tundra landscape. Also very highly recommended are Robert Glenn Ketchum's previous master collections of photographic excellence: Rivers of Life: Southwest Alaska, the Last Great Salmon Fishery () and The Tongass: Alaska's Vanishing Rain Forest

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