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A beautiful and memorable look at some of the most gorgeous endangered places on the planet.

Machu Picchu is a mesmerizing, ancient Incan city tucked away in the mountains of Peru, but it is rapidly being worn down by the thousands of feet treading across its stones. Glacier National Park is a destination long known for the stunning beauty of its ice floes, but in our lifetimes it will have no glaciers due to global warming. In the biobays of Puerto Rico swimmers can float in a sea shimmering with bioluminescent life, but sediment being churned up by development is killing the dinoflagellates that produce the eerie and beautiful glow. And in the Congo Basin of Africa, where great apes roam freely in lush, verdant rainforests, logging is quickly destroying the vast life-giving canopies. These places-along with many others across the globe-are changing as we speak due to global warming, environmental degradation, overuse, and natural causes.

From the Boreal Forests in Finland to the Yangtze River Valley in China, *37 Places to See Before They Disappear* is a treasure trove of geographic wonder, and a guide to these threatened destinations and what is being done to save them.

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D.J. Murphy says

I received "Disappearing Destinations" as a door prize at the Colorado Authors' League's awards dinner. The edition I have shows Kimberly Lisagor and Heather Hansen as co-authors. This book received the CAL award for creative nonfiction. It is a fascinating account of how some of the most wonderful places on earth, for example Machu Picchu, are at risk of disappearing due to excessive tourism, climate change or economic forces.

Cheryl says

The authors take the reader on tours of some of the world's most beautiful and scenic places. Learn about the history, people, animals and geologic features of the locations. And then learn about the environmental threats posed to the areas, and the imminent, irretrievable changes that are taking place. This is a book you won't soon forget.

Carol says

Disappearing Destinations is more of an informational book than a coffee table book. It has a few black and white photos and maps scattered throughout but the history and science are the main thrust of the book. Good lord, I have so many places I need to see before they disappear (or I die). Thank heavens for books!

Jvetrone says

skimmed it

Covenant Presbyterian Springfield Ohio says

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Jacque says

Good choice for learning which places in the world are "must sees" before they disappear...alarming to learn some of my best-loved places are in endangered; we take for granted they'll always be around. Haven't rated

as yet because it is sitting on my table in California and I'm in Canada so haven't finished as yet for rating. I recommend it as an important book to read.

Kjersti Egerdahl says

These chapters on different at-risk locations contain more rhapsody than actual travel information. If the authors had included websites and organizations at the end of each chapter, rather than in an index, that would have helped push the travel angle more. Still, I'm far more inspired to see Macchu Picchu before it gets trampled or the wait-listing starts - Casco Bay, Maine, before it gets fished out of existence - and my own neighbor, Mt. Rainier, before violent storms and volcanic explosions wash out all the trails.

Mikael says

I wish it would have been more detailed. It had stories about the areas by someone from the area but I wish it would have been detailed and specific on what you can do in these places.

MBybee says

Not sure what to say about this. It's well written and well put together, but also tragically depressing. I mean, this is possibly the most depressing book I've read in years.

Perhaps a worthwhile read for people who don't get out much - but if you're an outdoorsperson who spends time in the beauty of the outdoors on a regular basis, it's just profoundly sad.

Kara says

A must read for anyone who loves history and travel. Fantastic book
