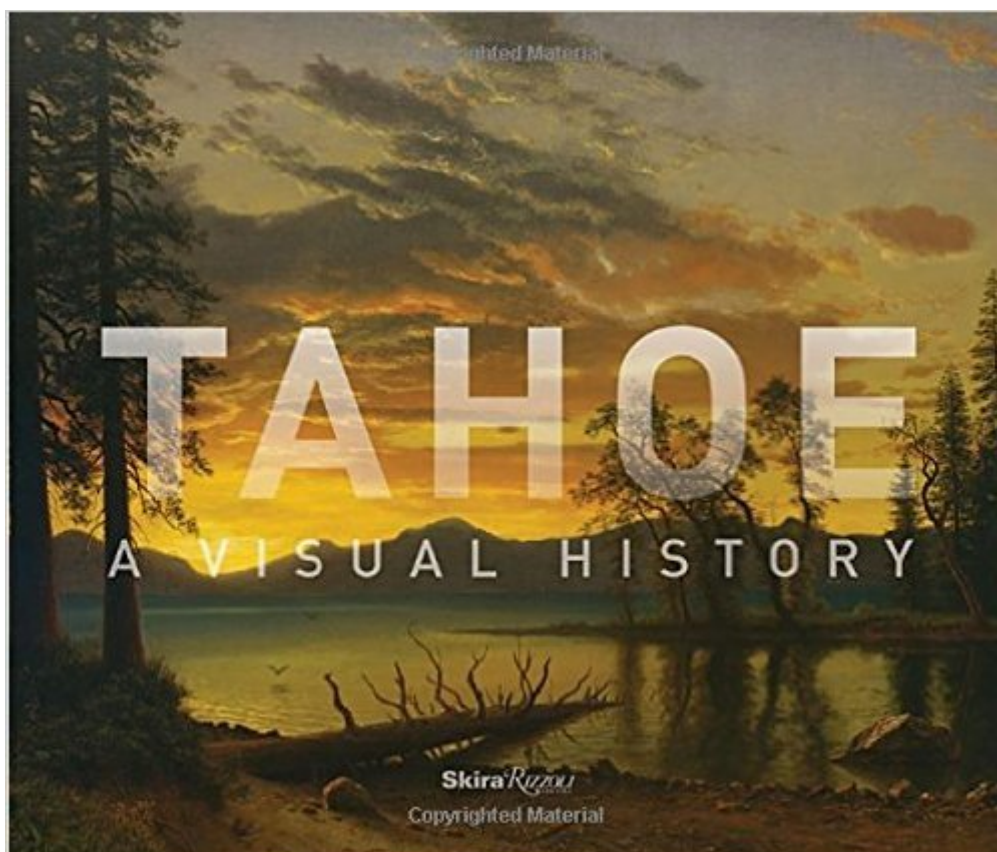


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# Tahoe: A Visual History



## Synopsis

The definitive survey of art about this national treasure, from Albert Bierstadt to Ansel Adams. Located between California and Nevada, the vast body of water known as Lake Tahoe has lured artists to its shores for centuries. This lavishly illustrated, large-scale book celebrates Lake Tahoe, as well as Pyramid Lake, Donner Lake, and the surrounding Sierra Nevada region's magnificent scenic beauty, through more than 350 paintings, photographs, buildings, and objects. This deluxe volume features lush landscape paintings by Albert Bierstadt, Marianne North, and Thomas Moran; photographs by Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Dorothea Lange, and Edward Weston; Native American Washoe baskets; historical maps and sketches by the region's early explorers; ephemera related to Tahoe tourism of the 1940s-60s; and architectural drawings, such as Frank Lloyd Wright's proposed cabin community in Emerald Bay and the historic Glen Alpine Springs Lodge design by Bernard Maybeck. Lake Tahoe continues to attract artists, writers, designers, scientists, and other visitors who recognize the unique qualities that the destination has to offer.

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Lake Tahoe is truly one of the most breathtaking sites on the face of the earth. It is only natural that writers would attempt to convey some sense of that majesty between the covers of a book. This most recent coffee-table pictorial is no exception. This book is not your standard contemporary collection of photography but rather a chronicle of the history of the area as seen through the eyes of the artists who've tried to capture that beauty. There are plenty of photographic images to be sure, but they are mostly vintage views that help the reader get some sense of the Lake's

history. The paintings and woodcuts that were selected for this volume were well chosen and are as good a collection as one is likely to find in any book on the subject. The obligatory examples of more contemporary art at the tail end are not nearly as impressive but fortunately don't take up too many of the book's pages. I can't really comment on the text in its entirety as I have yet to read the book from cover to cover. And as the text is a secondary consideration in pictorial books I am just commenting on my first impressions after a cursory read. That being said, what I have read seems to be well informed and of benefit to the illustrations. This volume is well produced and the images are all perfectly clear. All the elements are there to offer any reader an enjoyable viewing experience. For anyone living in the Tahoe region or those who may have a vacation residence in the vicinity this would make an excellent addition to that stack on your coffee-table. My only criticism is the amount of attention devoted to the region's Indian basketry. Over a hundred pages of the book are devoted to this subject. The baskets Ms.

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