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“Every other breath we take comes from the ocean. What we do or fail to do in the next five years will determine what our oceans and planet look like for the next ten thousand years. That is why I co-founded SeaLegacy, an organization that, with your support, can change how the story ends.” –Cristina Mittermeier

Amaze is a pioneering book of nature photography that captures some of the most endangered animals, remote communities, and extreme corners on earth. This book is an astonishing collection of nature photography that hopes to inspire people to live a sustainable life, and protect the environment and animals.

From ocean shores to some of the most remote indigenous communities in the world, photographer Cristina Mittermeier explores humanity’s relationship with the planet and the possibilities for a mindful, sustainable future. Mittermeier combines her training as a marine biologist and photographer to work behind the lens with her passion for environmentalism, taking pictures around the world to explore our relationship to the earth and ocean, and to draw attention to the beauty and the plight of our planet.

In *Amaze*, Mittermeier elicits our wonder and awe at the natural world and the labyrinth or “maze” of navigating a sustainable existence. The book combines two series: “Enoughness” and “The Water’s Edge.” The first draws out Mittermeier’s philosophy for a mindful and sustainable way of being in the world. Bringing together photographs from some of the most isolated corners of the earth, the book shows wild animals, remote landscapes, and indigenous peoples –challenging the cult of material wealth and proposing alternatives for a meaningful and sustainable connection to our environment, each other, and ourselves. In “The Water’s Edge,” Mittermeier presents photographs from around the globe that capture the frontier between land and ocean and the special meaning it has for human life. Whether it is fishermen bringing in their daily haul, women washing laundry in the shallows, or surfers frolicking in the spray, the water’s edge is revealed as an integral and universal space in which ephemeral moments reveal not only our common dependency on the planet, but also our common humanity. *Amaze* is a must-have book for all those who care about our planet and those we share it with.

Biography

Photographer and marine biologist, Cristina Goettsch Mittermeier was born in Mexico City in 1966. A passionate environmentalist, she founded the International League of Conservation Photographers (ILCP) in 2005 and the non-profit organization SeaLegacy in 2015. Her work has been published in National Geographic and TIME and she has received both the Mission Award from the North American Nature Photography Association and the Smithsonian Conservation Photographer of the Year Award. SeaLegacy Exhibition at Fotografiska, Stockholm: June 29, 2018 till August 19, 2018

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