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William Blake, "Auguries of Innocence" 1805

Here is the world viewed within a grain of sand, thanks to the stunning three-dimensional microphotography of Dr. Gary Greenberg. To some, all sand looks alike--countless grains in a vast expanse of beach. Look closer--much closer--and your view of sand will never be the same. Employing the fantastic microphotographic techniques that he developed, Greenberg invites readers to discover the strange and wonderful world that each grain of sand contains.

Here are the sands of Hawaii and Tahiti, the Sahara and the Poles, a volcano, each exquisitely different, and each telling a fascinating geological story. Red sand and yellow, white sand and black, singing sand and quicksand: Greenberg's pictures reveal the subtle differences in their colors, textures, sizes, and shapes. And as this infinitesimal world unfolds so does an intriguing explanation of how each grain of sand begins and forms and finds itself in a particular place, one of a billion and one of a kind.

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Editorial Review

Review

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Sand, it's everywhere and may seem ordinary but Dr. Gary Greenberg expertly combined art and science to reveal the true beauty of each microscopic grain.

Sand consists of a vast collection of bits of crystals, coral, shells, sea urchin spines, silica, and calcium carbonate each with a unique shape and color.

Dr. Greenberg provided 235 vividly colored images and in depth information to provide a fascinating look at how nature is constantly reshaping the earth and

hiding tiny treasures at our feet.

From the Inside Flap

Every grain of sand is a jewel waiting to be discovered. That's what Dr. Gary Greenberg found when he first turned his microscope on beach sand. Gemlike minerals, colorful coral fragments, and delicate microscopic shells revealed that sand comprises much more than little brown rocks. Amazing microphotography showcases spectacular colors, shapes, and patterns. Join Dr. Greenberg as he explores the science and beauty of the sand grain. With this captivating volume, you will never look at a beach the same way again.

Author and photographer Dr. Gary Greenberg is a visual artist who creatively combines art with science. He has a Ph.D. in biomedical research from University College London and holds 17 patents for high-definition 3-D light microscopes. Dr. Greenberg lives in Haiku, Hawaii.

Foreword writer Stacy Keach is an actor renowned for his narration of scientific documentaries, particularly the NOVA series for the Public Broadcasting Service.

From the Back Cover

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From the star-shaped sand of Japan to the volcanic green olivine of Hawaii to the marble grains of Greece, discover the diversity of sand on gorgeous, remote beaches around the globe. Learn about beach ecology and the fascinating origins of sand grains, including the singing sand dunes of the Sahara Desert. Marvel over Dr. Greenberg's amazing microphotography that magnifies sand grains up to 300 times and showcases the spectacular colors, shapes, and patterns of these tiny natural wonders.

When we walk along a beach, we tread upon millions of years of biological and geological history. Join Dr. Greenberg as he explores the science and beauty of the sand grain. With this captivating volume, you will never look at a beach the same way again.

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