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Superior Perspectives

Views of Lake Superior from Park Point

Paul Treuer

Paul Treuer has been enthralled by Lake Superior since childhood. As an adventurous young adult, he hitched a ride on a saltwater freighter and crossed the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and the Atlantic. In his mid-forties, he circumnavigated Lake Superior by kayak.

Another phase in this life-long love affair commenced when Paul and his wife bought a home overlooking the lake on Park Point, and he became a true connoisseur of Superior's many moods and faces. And he started taking photographs.

"There are many times when I see a spectacular view of the lake," he writes, "drop what I'm doing, and run out of the house to observe the unique patterns of colors and lights and sounds directly. These displays often change within seconds as winds whip water and sky into new configurations like wet paint that never dries."

The author has gathered together the best of those photographs here, accompanied by brief expressions of the poignancy, joy, and awe they elicit. Taken from roughly the same place over the course of a decade and more, they underscore the remarkable daily and seasonal changes the lake undergoes. Bitter cold, gale-force winds, dancing sunlight, heat meeting sub-zero air, and perfectly calm weather are just a few of the factors that influence the lake's ever-changing aspect. In the pages of this book, Treuer takes us beyond the picture-postcard views we're all familiar with, drawing us more deeply into the power, the poetry, and the mystery of the world's largest lake.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Paul Treuer and his family have made their home in Duluth, Minnesota, a community where Lake Superior is always present, for fifty years. For the past twelve years Paul and his family have lived on Park Point, where he can watch the lake daily.

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