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BOOK REVIEW

Life

A Journey
Through Time
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Fans of wildlife photographer Frans Lanting will not be disappointed by this spectacular publication. It is the result of a seven-year undertaking to show the essence of life on Earth as it evolved from its beginnings to the present day, a task that has taken Frans to the ends of the planet in search of the 175 colour images featured. Often working in extreme conditions proved challenging for Frans, who used a selection of Nikon film and digital cameras and a range of Nikkor zoom lenses, including a 12-24mm, 28-70mm, 70-200mm, 200-400mm and teleconverters.

He says, 'My mission to capture images of nature that could evoke time and origins required lots of research and planning. I wanted to apply both new and scientific ideas to my subjects and new techniques to my images. On location, that often meant exposing cameras to all kinds of extremes.'

In addition to the magnificent pictures, Frans includes detailed notes, musings from behind the lens and even some of his poetry. **Ben Brain**



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