

**For the Armchair Traveler**

Burton Holmes (1870-1958), the man Lowell Thomas called the "greatest traveler of our time, perhaps of all time," was a photographer, filmmaker and showman who invented the very idea (and coined the word) of a "travelogue." He famously signed autographs with the

epigram "To travel is to possess the world." He did, indeed, and **Burton Holmes Travelogues: The Greatest Traveler of His Time, 1892-1952** (Taschen, \$49.99), edited by Genoa Caldwell, ought to attract readers the same way Holmes packed huge halls everywhere for his shows. This comprehensive, lavishly illustrated guidebook to his work, life and travels gives a comprehensive visual and textual picture of how Holmes managed to roll travel, history, photography and entertainment into one. From the time he got his first camera at the age of 13 to his travels over a lifetime to nearly every country in the world, he chronicled a world no longer with us. His legacy lives on in these pages and brings his travels to a whole new audience.

