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Journey Man

Circumnavigating the globe with **Burton Holmes**

"TO TRAVEL IS TO POSSESS THE WORLD," Burton Holmes wrote in 1953. "There is no implication of selfishness in the kind of possession of which I speak. Whoever possesses the world through travel takes naught from any man. No one is the poorer because you have made the whole world yours." For six decades Holmes traversed the globe, photographing everything and delivering wildly popular lectures about his journeys; millions flocked to his slide shows to view things they might never have seen and places they would likely never go. *Burton Holmes Travelogues: The Greatest Traveler of His Time, 1892-1952* (Taschen, 368 pages, \$50) is glorious, the images having gained power in the intervening years. There are typhoons and volcanic eruptions, Moroccan cavalrymen and fur-capped Cossacks, and scenes of Hollywood, where Holmes died in 1958. If the photos delight, his writings, by turns earnest and breezy, inspire. // **ROBERT ITO**