

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Burton Holmes: Travelogues

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In the Victorian age the life of the outdoor photographer was nothing like it is now. Today it is not difficult to travel to every continent, visit 130 countries, notch up a million miles and take 30,000 images. But in Burton Holmes's day this was an extraordinary achievement. Even so, the histories of exploration and photography rarely mention him,

which is something of a mystery given the incredible artistic accomplishments of this talented pioneer of travel photography.

It wouldn't be fair to say that Holmes has been completely forgotten though, because for the past three decades Genoa Caldwell, author and editor of this sumptuous retrospective, has done much to keep his name alive. But it is only now, with the publication of his *Travelogues* nearly 50 years after his death, that he is beginning to reach the wider public.

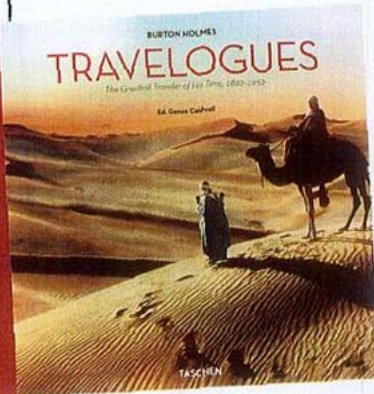
Holmes coined the word 'travelogue' to convey to his audience that his photography was not simply educational, and that to merely look at his images of Paris, Peking, Delhi, Dubrovnik, Moscow, Manila, Jakarta, Jerusalem and so on, was to experience the world.



ABOVE Pyramids at Giza

His images of the pyramids at Giza are wonderful, as are his shots of London in 1919. These really are classics, photographed in a style so rarely even attempted these days,

presented beautifully by a publisher that really cares about how these things should look.



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