

**Life**

by Frans Lanting (Taschen, \$30)



Frans Lanting's photographs seem "like postcards from the earliest moments of life on earth," said *The Wall Street Journal*. In this new collection, the Dutch wildlife photographer accentuates the "most primeval aspects" of diverse plants and animals, from herons in Botswana's Okavango Delta to sea cucumbers on the Great Barrier Reef. In a photo of quiver trees set against Martian-red soil, Lanting's "almost abstract deployment of color" seems to make the earth's clock stand still.