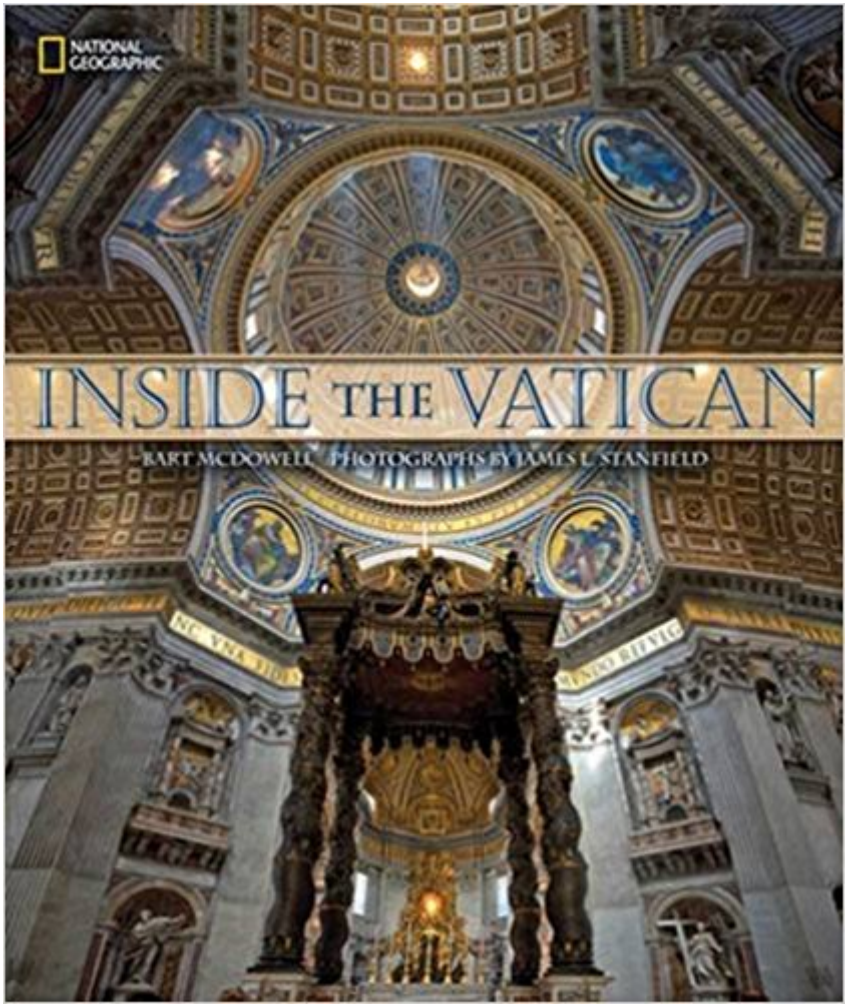
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Synopsis

For almost a year, veteran National Geographic photographer Jim Stanfield captured nearly every corner of the Vatican, both the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s smallest country and the center of the Roman Catholic Church. Along with author Bart McDowell, he provides an insiderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s view into the history of this 108.7-acre enclave, from the first St. PeterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s, built in the fourth century, through the amazing reign of Pope John Paul II, and beyond. Rarely seen areas of the complex, such as the PopeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s personal quarters and the world-renowned libraries, and up-close views of the stunning and priceless art and architecture provide an unrivaled insiderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s look into this amazing nation.In this revised trade paperback edition, Washington Post writer Howard Schneider brings the story of the Vatican up-to-date, including the death and funeral of Pope John Paul II and the selection and ordination of Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict XVIÃ¢â ¬â„¢s recent trip to the United States is also documented in poignant words and images.

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YA-- One of the most impressive books published by the National Geographic Society. Its large format highlights the superb photographs: views of the buildings, people, grounds, and art treasures that most readers will have never seen before. With its combination of readable text and outstanding pictures, it’s the next best thing to being there.&-Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Bart McDowell a Texan by birth, covered topics ranging from Japan to the Aztecs during his 32 years with National Geographic Magazine.James Stanfield is a National Geographic Society photographer. He has four times been named Photographer of the Year by the White House News PhotographersÃ¢â ¬â„¢ Association.

Having been to the Vatican in person, I know how hard it is to take (good) pictures of all the things there. The Vatican city with its myriad of art collections, museum, and antiquity-filled storerooms has something for everyone who likes art or history.This book does a great job of capturing the feeling of the city, and hits every major masterpiece in the place. Unfortunately, there are some masterpieces that could have used more explanation or exploration, in particular, "La Pieta," and "The Last Judgement." This, for me, warranted the loss of a "perfect" score. Both of these works have a fascinating history, and tell volumes about the artist (Michaelangelo) himself.If you can’t make it to the Vatican yourself, this book is the next best thing.

We just returned from the Vatican. My intention was to purchase a book that accurately reflected much of the major artwork in the Vatican. Despite the description of the book, it has very little of the Vatican art work. The book is more of a story of the Vatican, with pictures tossed in for good measure. If you are looking for a really good coffee table book that shows the artwork in the museum, this is not your book.

These are high quality photographs, as you would expect from a National Geographic product, but I was surprised that the focus was more on people and events rather than the spectacular art and architecture of the Vatican. If that is your focus, you should choose another book. It seems that only about a third of the pictures depict art or architecture.

Inside the Vatican to be honest i bought this book becouse of the cover-- i had hoped that the art work would be shown inside the pages and that was so not the case at all... truly a bad form deal.they show some art pics and some places and people the cover showed a room of sculpture and art and they barely show you anything

This is a lovely book. The pictures are beautiful and there were lots of them. But it is not just a picture book- it is full of information about The Vatican that I had never heard before. I didn’t know that there were pinball machines and kiddie pools there-- for the families who live and work there. I

thought that was an interesting facet of life behind Vatican walls. I especially liked the maps- they gave me a greater sense of how big Vatican City really is. The book certainly captures the granduer and splendor of this wonderful place.

I absolutely love this book. It more than lived up to my expectations. It was a very timely purchase considering the changes that have taken place in the Church. I also can not praise the seller more, the book arrived within a few days of placing the order and was packaged quite securely.

Yes, it’s a beautiful book and interesting reading. Almost like being there but with extra inside privileges. There are many insights and historical data too, but not so much that it’s boring.

Beautiful photos. Brings back memories of our trip to Rome. A keepsake that we will treasure.

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