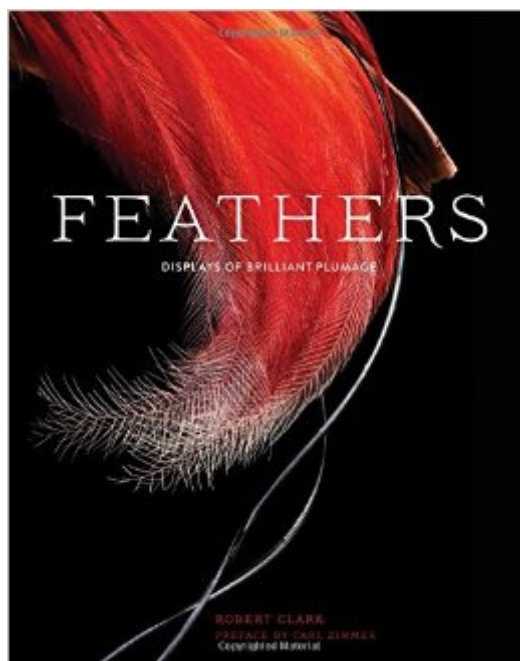


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# Feathers: Displays Of Brilliant Plumage



## Synopsis

Exquisite images from award-winning National Geographic photographer Robert Clark offer a captivating perspective on the vast beauty and myriad functions of a seemingly simple thing: the bird feather. Each detailed close-up is paired with informative text about the utility and evolution of the feather it depicts, making this handsome marriage of art and science the ideal gift for bird lovers, natural history buffs, and photography enthusiasts.

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## Customer Reviews

Exquisite! As soon as I saw a few sample images posted on Maria Popova's "Brain Pickings" blog, I knew that was the book I needed as a Mother's Day gift for my mother, who deeply enjoys this kind of book - art and science blended. I looked at it upon receipt and because the images of the feathers look so real, I wanted to stroke the pages. My mother also found it delightful, upon my delivery the other day. Beautiful work!

This book is scientifically inaccurate. While I do not have the depth of knowledge to assess the ID and accompanying text for each species, I can tell you that the two feathers labeled Red-shafted Flicker and Common Flicker are not accurate. The text of the "red-shafted flicker" seems to indicate that the feather is a wing feather, when it is actually a tail feather - tail feathers on flickers are quite distinct. And while I know there is the opportunity for colors to appear different from real life in the photography process, this feather sure looks like a "yellow shafted" Northern flicker to me. Further,

there is no longer a species recognized by the AOU as "red shafted flicker" or "yellow shafted flicker". Or "common flicker", either. They are all Northern Flickers. I'm not sure how long ago this change was made, but i believe it was well before the publication of this book. The photographs are beautiful, but I was hoping for a book that was both beautiful and informative, more along the lines of the Dave FitzSimmons "Curious Critters" work. Having found these two errors just paging through for the first time, I will now question the accuracy of all of the descriptions. Disappointing. Highlights the dangers in making book purchases on line....

I'm bird obsessed. I splurged and got this item for myself for my birthday. The imagery is beautiful. I am definitely happy with my purchase. I wish I realized before purchasing how much smaller the book was going to be (not that it would have changed me purchasing it), I was just expecting something larger

Love it. Will be a birthday gift next month with a few feathers

This is a gorgeous book. I wish there was a little more text. Most pages have me using my LED magnifier lens. Just as intricate up close as they promise from farther away.

Gorgeous images. Great write ups. My mother in law is a bird lover - she is going to love this present.

Bought for my girlfriend who loves birds. She loves it.

Very Very VERY!!!! good pictures. Yet I wish that sometimes it had more birds in the book, and had pictures of the feathers by themselves. But over all it was a very good purchase. (13yr old boy)

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