

FOREWORD

THE GRAND CANYON is a place of profound and inexpressible beauty, where the hungry human spirit is humbled, challenged, and inspired. The canyon's timeless glories have eluded the talents of the world's great poets, whether they wield a pen or a paintbrush.

Bruce Aiken is an exception—one of the gifted few whom God has blessed with the power to capture on canvas the wonder of His awesome creation and the place that John Wesley Powell called the Great Unknown.

Bruce is of the Grand Canyon. He has lived among its charms, raised a family within its walls, and become a part of its ageless mystique. His art captures the overwhelming scope and grandeur of the canyon as beautifully as it represents the canyon's subtle nuances, elusive moods, and the moving shadows that paint the towering walls.

God gave the world the Grand Canyon and gave Bruce Aiken the gift to share with us his artful reflections that are—like the Great Unknown itself—unique, timeless, and stirring.

The Honorable Senator John McCain
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