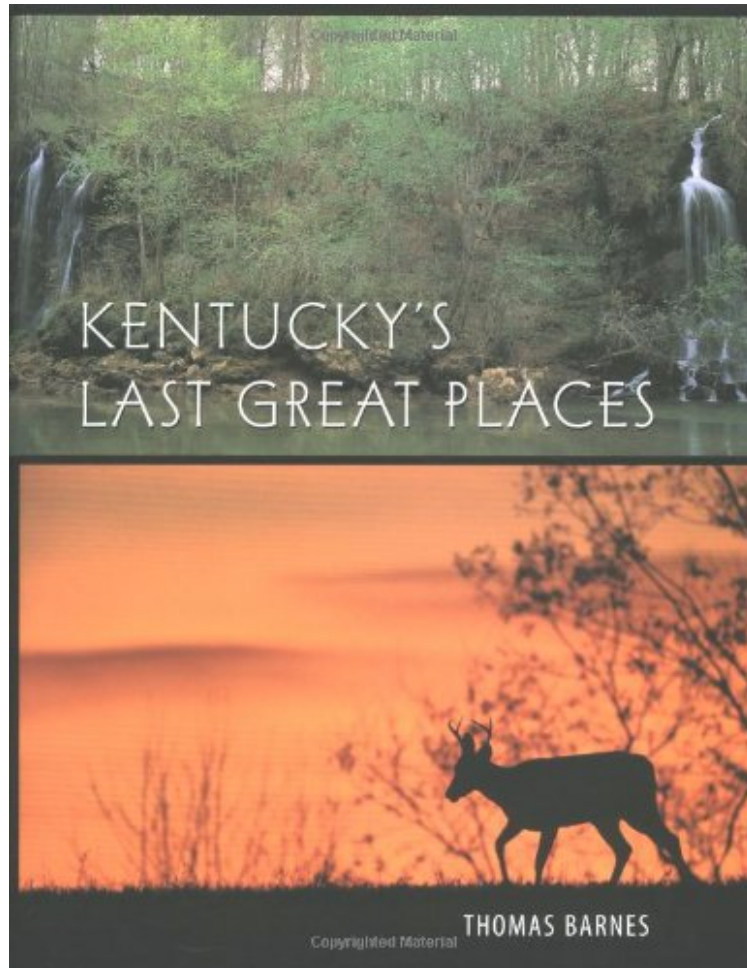


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Thomas G. Barnes : Kentucky's Last Great Places before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kentucky's Last Great Places:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Lovely bookBy AnonymousThis author's photographic work is gorgeous but this is not only a "picture book". It is a book of nature, ecology and environment and is worth exploring. I love Kentucky and grieve for the assaults and damages it has suffered for so long. It is my hope that if Kentuckians can see their home state as this book shows it, they will be more protective of it. Greed and exploitation have harmed Kentucky as have poverty and ignorance. The state and the nation need to protect Kentucky's natural environment. One complaint about the book: it needs a state map showing the regions the author writes about! There was no way to refer to the regions because there was no map of that sort. (There was a very limited map but not cross-referenced to the regions covered in the book.) This was an annoying omission from the book, but the book still merits high ratings for its beauty and information.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wonderfully subtle picturesBy Gary

Sprandel Although perhaps some of the grand Kentucky scenery is missing, there are some wonderful pictures in this book. Barnes best photographs are perhaps in the subtle colors of the prairie, the Pennyrile and Barren. flowers and insects. Some of the snow dusted scenery, such as Rock Bridge in Daniel Boone National Forest is also well done. Sometimes the writing tries to be too antidotal; for example he writes that he forgot the price that a five pound mussel would fetch in the commercial market; but I would have preferred knowing the price rather than his forgetting of it. The chapter on biodiversity provides an introduction to each of the regions, but a good map of each each of the regions would have helped me relate to the preserves he discusses. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. With the great natural places of Kentucky and especially Eastern Kentucky disappearing ...By Kitty With the great natural places of Kentucky and especially Eastern Kentucky disappearing and the forests, mountains and streams given no value, it is nice to see that a few photos of the beauty of Kentucky. I gave this book to a mountain man who still appreciates mountains, clean streams and the wildlife that inhabits the few unspoiled lands of Kentucky. GREAT BOOK!

" With over 100 glorious full-color photographs and insightful text, Kentucky's Last Great Places highlights the incredible natural beauty found in the Commonwealth's old-growth forests, prairies, wetlands, and other distinctive biological habitats. Many types more than 3,000 vascular plants, 230 fish, 105 amphibians and reptiles, 350 birds, 75 mammals, and 12,000 insects make Kentucky their home. Many of these species and their habitats are considered rare, threatened, or endangered. Overall, less than one percent of Kentucky is classified ecologically as being in a "pre-European" condition that deserves significant protection. Award-winning photographer and author Thomas G. Barnes combines his striking photographs with essays describing the splendor found in more than forty of Kentucky's diverse natural preserves or ecological areas, including the old-growth Blanton Forest near Pine Mountain in Harlan County, Axe Lake Swamp in Ballard County near the Mississippi River, Red River Gorge, the Kentucky River Palisades, Mammoth Cave, and many others. This spectacular oversized book explores the biodiversity of Kentucky, the challenges to protecting its biological heritage, and the ways that organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission, the National Park Service, and others are continuing to protect the state's unique biological legacy. Thomas G. Barnes, an associate extension professor of forestry at the University of Kentucky, is the author of Gardening for the Birds.

"One cannot leaf through the pages of this book without feeling a strong urge to see these wild places." *Indiana Magazine of History* "With over 100 glorious full-color photographs and insightful text, Kentucky's Last Great Places highlights the incredible natural beauty found in the Commonwealth's old-growth forests, prairies, wetlands, and other distinctive biological habitats. Kentucky's Last Great Places is both a stunning collection of nature photographs and a means for increasing our understanding of the fragile beauty of Kentucky." *Kentucky Books Blogspot* "Does substantial justice to the beauty and biodiversity of our commonwealth." *David Hawpe, Louisville Courier Journal* "This isn't a memorial to lost places; it's a call to action, a reminder to readers of what exactly there is to lose if economic development continues to take precedence over the environment in both social and political arenas." *Back Home in Kentucky* "Whether [Barnes is] describing a hike with his young son, or his delight in spotting an unexpected cluster of wildflowers, his joy in Kentucky's natural beauty is contagious." *Madelynn Coldiron, Kentucky Monthly* "The beauty of this book is not only chronicling the rich history but also providing an outstanding photo essay of Kentucky's fauna and flora." *Jeff Hohman, Kentucky Living* "Thomas Barnes' love of this land shines clearly through his lens and pen." *Virginia Quarterly About the Author* Thomas G. Barnes, an associate extension professor of forestry at the University of Kentucky, is the author of Gardening for the Birds.