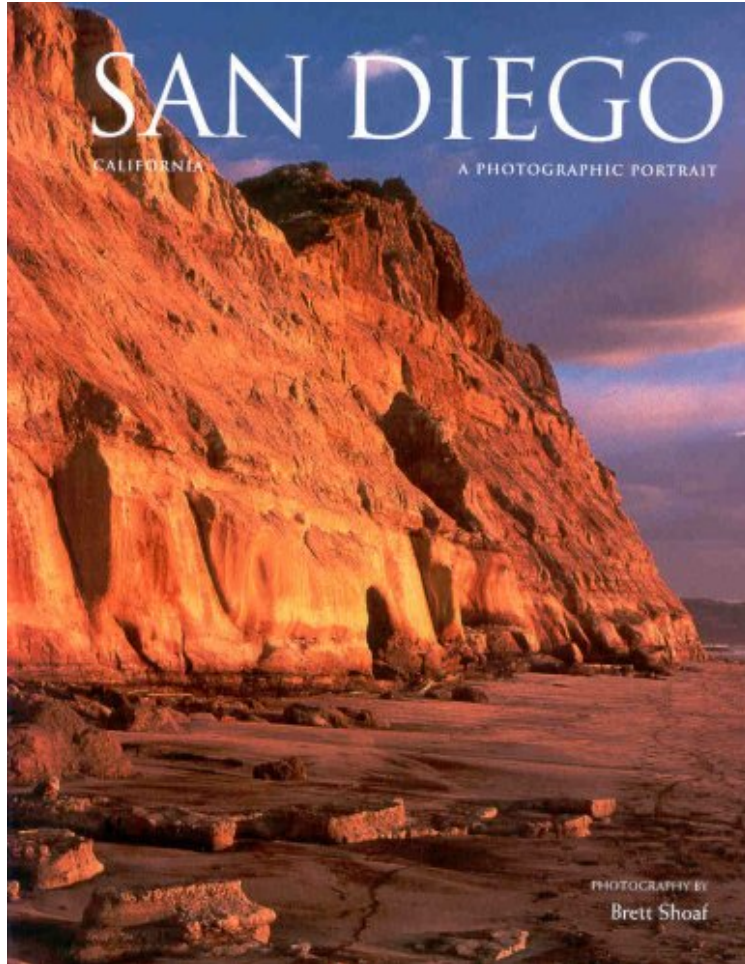


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About the Author A lifetime resident of San Diego, Brett Shoaf has been enamored of America's Finest City since his childhood in the 1960s. He continues to live, work, and play in an ever-changing city that still retains the many rich charms which had endeared him from the beginning. Brett decided early on to make travel stock photography his career of choice. He formed his company, Artistic Visuals, in 1990 and selected San Diego as his primary subject for building a collection of photos, but he has enjoyed covering San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, New Orleans, Chicago, Vancouver, Kauai, and Switzerland as well. His work appears in numerous travel magazines, visitor guides, city maps, postcards, calendars, and photo journal books. Brett favors using Nikon equipment and avoids large format cameras, which lightens the load and permits him to shoot quickly. Skillful composition, visual balance, bold colors, and dramatic lighting are all evident in his shooting style.