



## **ART IN NATURE**

**Foreword**  
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Symphonies of colour and the tones of light. The firmament, broad vistas and wind-carved mountains. Desert sands and the shifting shoreline. Creation large and small. The face of Iceland; at dawn and at dusk, in winter and in spring. Each day; every night.

To witness these things is an adventure. It is as if we have been invited to be present at the beginning that sacred texts attribute to a higher power.

Is it possible to put Iceland across in pictures or in words? Our poets and painters have striven to do this; their endeavours have enriched our culture, but the land remains as an unconquered challenge.

Here in this book, a master photographer shares with us the magic he has found in the natural world and a skilled scientist and writer captures the mood with the power of words. Together, they guide the reader around this country that destiny has entrusted to us.