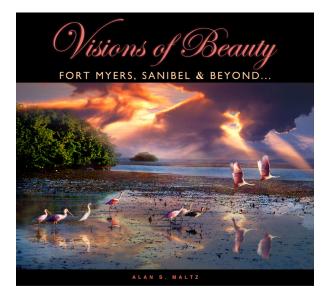


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The Sunshine State



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Visions of Beauty Fort Myers, Sanibel & Beyond... photographs by Alan S. Maltz (Light Flight Publications)

Charles Sobczak was nice enough to return the favor for photographer Alan S. Maltz, writing the introduction to the acclaimed photographer's new coffee table book, Visions of Beauty. At a large size of about 12 inches x 11 inches, Visions of Beauty showcases Maltz's gorgeous photographs of the magical landscapes and mysterious animals of southwest Florida. There are remarkable images of the islands taken from the air, historic photographs of the old Koreshan Settlement in Estero, brightly colored buildings in Matlacha, dazzling sunsets over the Gulf of Mexico, loggerhead turtles in the surf on Bonita Beach and alligators in North Fort Myers, Snowy Egrets on North Captiva and water lilies on Pine Island, sand dunes on Sanibel and the Edison Estate in Fort Myers.

Visions of Beauty is a truly impressive collection of eye-popping photographs by one of the very best nature photographers in Florida.