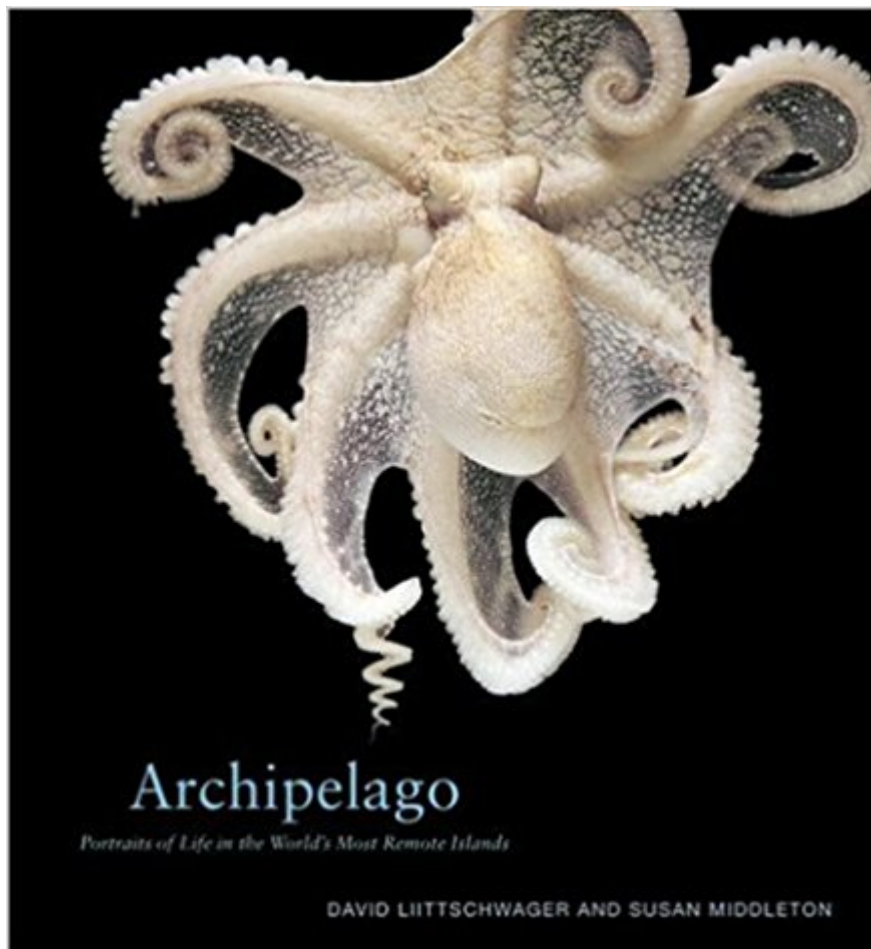




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# Archipelago: Portraits Of Life In The World's Most Remote Island Sanctuary



## Synopsis

For this project, Middleton and Liittschwager gained unprecedented access to photograph on and around these protected islands that are otherwise completely off-limits to people. Home to nearly seventy percent of our nation's coral reefs, known as the "rainforests of the sea," the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands is a remarkable ecosystem that supports a vast array of interdependent native plants and animals that have evolved in this habitat over millions of years, many existing nowhere else on the planet. The result is *Archipelago*. With its more than 300 stunning images, the book illustrates the spectacular diversity of these ocean and island creatures, as well as profiles many of the people dedicated to the preservation of this habitat. The inaccessibility of these islands and the need to protect them means that few people will ever be able to visit them in person, though now, for the first time, the area's inhabitants are available for all the world to see through this important body of work. In conjunction with the publication of *Archipelago*, exhibitions of these photographs will be mounted in Honolulu and Washington, and will then travel to venues around the country throughout 2006.

## Book Information

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David Liittschwager and Susan Middleton are well known internationally for their arresting portraits of endangered North American plants and animals. They have published three books, and they won an Emmy in 1997 for the National Geographic television documentary *America's Endangered Species: Don't Say Goodbye*. They have an active lecture schedule across the U.S., and their work has appeared in publications the world over and in many noted scientific works as well. Susan and

David each live in San Francisco, California.

The most fabulous color photographs of sealife, plantlife, birds, and nature that you will ever see. The photography is astounding and more than worth the price of the book. The background explaining and showing how the different subjects were obtained, photographed and placed back in their original habitat demonstrates the utmost care with which this project was undertaken. Though one may never be able to visit these remote island sanctuaries, this book allows the viewer to witness everything in it's natural glory through it's pages. A truly remarkable book and highly recommended.

A photographic essay about animals in the archipelago of Northwest Hawaii, a protected area nearly impossible to visit. Beautiful photography and moving reporting of the conditions there

Archipelago presents not only to-be-expected unbelievably beautiful photos of the marine life of the Outer Hawaiian Islands of a first-rate coffee table book, but also details the natural and human-assisted biological recovery processes. The real value of the book rests in the documentation of how important biological refuges are to the world's species and how far we still need to go to help correct our destructive activities. Buy it for the photos but be sure to read the text! Well worth the price.

GORGEIOUS GORGEIOUS book.

Over all I did like this book. It tells a lot of history. The photos were beautiful , but most of the sea life photos were taken on a white back round not under the water on location. There were also way too many photos of what was taken out of bird's stomachs. Some strange side bar photos.

The northwest Hawaiian islands, stretching all the way to Midway are rarely visited because of their remoteness and fragility. This beautiful book gives a comprehensive tour of the area. The coffee table format allows the strange lands and creatures to be seen at their best. The authors' skill and dedication to their topic shows clearly in both photos and text. Recommended for all nature lovers.

Beautiful book.

This book will make a fantastic gift for one of my high school boys. A beautiful book, wonderful photographs and a great section in the back called "species profiles."

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