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Abandoned: Hauntingly Beautiful Deserted Theme Parks



Synopsis

Huffington Post called him "a master of the abandoned" and for good reason. The "artist" known only as Seph Lawless has spent the last ten years photo-documenting the America that was left behind in the throes of economic instability and overall decline—decrepit shopping malls, houses, factories, even amusement parks. Through more than two hundred gorgeous and elegiac photographs, *Abandoned* details Lawless's journey into what was once the very heart of American entertainment: the amusement park. Lawless visits deserted parks across the country, capturing in stark detail their dilapidated state, natural overgrowth, and obvious duality of sad and playful symbolism. Previously self-published as *Bizarro*, this updated edition of Lawless's photographic tribute to decaying American amusement parks contains new content and a new foreword. For the first time, the famed photojournalist Seph Lawless makes his moving work available in a stunning trade edition.

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Seph Lawless is best known for his extensive documentation of deserted locations across the globe, and he has been photographing abandoned American cities since 2005. His images and video renderings are part of an ongoing project called *Autopsy of America*, which depicts forgotten cities and towns across the United States and intimately portrays the individuals who still inhabit these areas, known as the ones who were "left behind." Lawless's work has been widely reported in the *Huffington Post*, *Daily Mail*, *Independent*, *Business Insider*, *Slate*, and on *Buzzfeed*, *Mashable*, *CNN*, *FOX News*, *NBC News*, and *ABC News*.

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