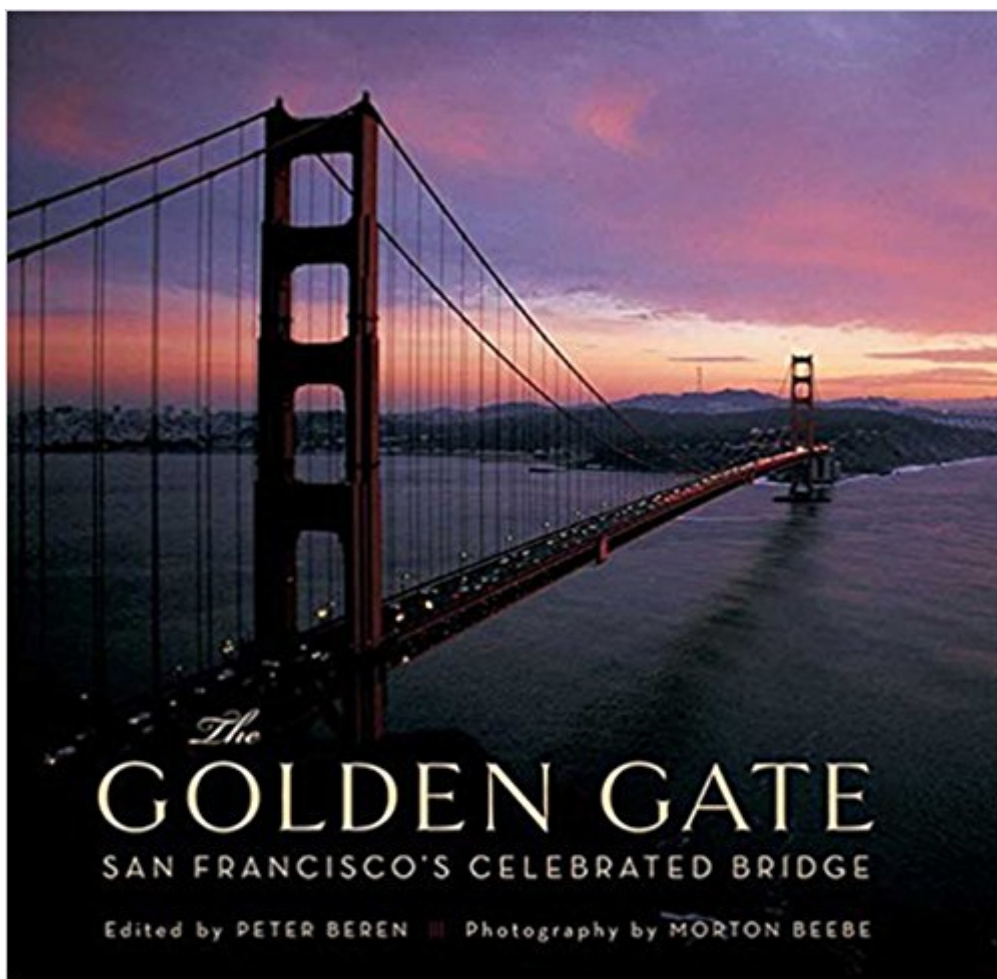




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# The Golden Gate: San Francisco's Celebrated Bridge



## Synopsis

The Golden Gate Bridge is an icon of one of the most storied of American cities, San Francisco. Standing between the Bay and the mighty Pacific like a guardian of the West, the Golden Gate retains its grip on the American imagination long after its twenty-seven-year record of being the longest suspension bridge in the world was superseded. Featuring a selection of stunning images of the Bridge, many from angles and positions that show it in a whole new light, *The Golden Gate: San Francisco's Celebrated Bridge* showcases the acclaimed photography of San Francisco native, Morton Beebe. Complementing Beebe's photographs is a short history of the bridge and memorable quotes from a variety of San Francisco natives and visitors affected by the its imposing presence, illustrating the firm grip this near-mythic structure has on our collective imagination.

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## Customer Reviews

Morton Beebe is a world-renowned documentarian of San Francisco. His photographs have been published in various magazines throughout his career, which has spanned more than fifty years, including *National Geographic*, *Life*, *Smithsonian*, and *Travel + Leisure*. Naturally, he lives in San Francisco. Peter Beren, literary agent and publishing consultant, is the author of six books. Formerly the publisher of *Sierra Club Books*, *VIA Books* (a division of *AAA of Northern California*), and vice president, publishing, for the *Palace Publishing Group*, he makes his home in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This is a VERY nice book! It has mostly color photos in it, along with different things people have said about the bridge. The book simply didn't have all the facts about the bridge that I thought it would, but that's okay--it is still a good book. I can sure understand why others like this book--the photos are very nice to look at. One of the Wonders of the Modern World. Below are some facts about the bridge.\*Material: Steel\*Design: Suspension, truss arch, and truss causeways\*Crosses: Golden Gate\*Carries: Six lanes of US 101 and SR 1, bicycles, and pedestrians\*Location: San Francisco and Marin County, California\*Clearance below: 220 feet\*Height: 746 feet\*Width: 90 feet\*Longest span: 4,200 feet\*Side spans: 1,125 feet\*Bridge length: 6,450 feet\*Total length: 8,981 feet\*Designer: Joseph Strauss, Irving Morrow, and Charles Ellis

This is truly a gorgeous book. In addition to the outstanding photography -- not surprising coming from a photographer of Morton Beebe's caliber -- the book is fantastic to hold and enjoy with well-styled pages and bright, vibrant images that capture not only the beauty and grandeur of one of the world's greatest bridges, but also its amazing setting. In terms of the book itself, the trend appears to be moving away from large, heavy tomes to smaller, more comfortable formats, such as this one. Unexpectedly, I find myself preferring these new, smaller books. In the case of The Golden Gate, fortunately, nothing has been lost -- in fact, the pictures appear brighter and sharper than comparable photo books I've seen and owned. All in all, this is a beautiful book that I've been reading and scanning and rereading as the big anniversary of the bridge approaches. I'm also getting a few extra copies as gifts for friends and clients. Highly recommended.

This book was a little smaller than I expected for a coffee table book but I should have looked at the dimensions so that was definitely my fault. Very nice pictures though. My Amish friend loved it and that's the only thing that was important. He loves learning everything he can about the Golden Gate Bridge. It was definitely a good value.

Heads up - this book is 6 x 6 inches - Ok for a midget coffee table..

Excellent pictures but I wish that the book would have been bigger. The smaller format doesn't do the photos justice.

Wonderful book full of information on the "World's Most Famous Bridge". The photos are outstanding. What a great way to honor such an amazing structure on her 75th Birthday!

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Morton Bebee has created another beautiful volume. No one captures fog, sun, and the Bay in the way he does. He's been doing it for years and has a magnificent eye. His talent is to capture in 2 dimensions what it really feels like to live in San Francisco. In black and white or color, he brings the details of light, tint, and texture you don't find anywhere else in the world and puts it right in front of you. His photos show you why we love living here and why others envy us for being lucky enough to be here. For the price, this is a terrific gift for your best friend or (if that is you) yourself.

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