



FOREWORD

When I look at these exquisite photographs, I marvel at the silent strength of these wonderful life forms that we call “trees”. Their mysterious qualities captured in tones of grey, from white to black, grab our attention and awaken our affection. In light and shade, season by season, the life of trees from infancy to death is sectioned month by month—a time span that human beings can best comprehend.

Trees are unique in our solar system, and we cannot live without them. We depend on trees for nourishment, protection and support, but also as playmates and old friends. Trees are entrusted with our youth, our life history. They give us the promise of renewal and beauty, comfort us and protect other living things that sing, chirp, climb, crawl, and scurry across the landscape of our lives. Trees even breathe for us and never ask to be thanked—they give us unconditional love.

The photographs in this calendar are of surreal creatures that dig deep into planet Earth, and both magically and majestically, transform soil into extravagant parents that exude grace, steadfastness, and loyalty. Looking at these images, we are reminded of respect and why we should never again take the life of a tree for granted.

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