



AFTER 30 YEARS OF EXPLORING THE OCEAN, I NEVER CEASE TO BE AMAZED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY ENCOUNTERS THAT I HAVE WHILE I'M AT SEA.

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Growing up in a small, working-class town, Brian Skerry dreamed of exploring the oceans and becoming a National Geographic photographer. Today, Skerry is one of the leading underwater photographers in the world.

Since 1998, Skerry has covered a wide range of stories for *National Geographic* documenting the harp seal's struggle to survive in frozen waters, the alarming decrease in the world's fisheries, the planet's last remaining pristine coral reefs, the plight of the right whale, and threatened sharks in the Bahamas, to name a few. His images celebrate the mystery of the depths, and offer portraits of creatures so intimate they sometimes appear to have been shot in a studio. Skerry dives eight months of the year, often in extreme conditions beneath Arctic ice or in predator-infested

waters, and has even lived at the bottom of the sea to get close to his subjects. He has emerged as a leading voice for marine conservation.

In 2011, National Geographic Books published *Ocean Soul*, a landmark retrospective of Skerry's photographs.

Skerry's powerful presentations showcase award-winning imagery and thrilling wildlife encounters, inspire reverence for the marine realm, and offer hope for protecting the vitality of the world's oceans.

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