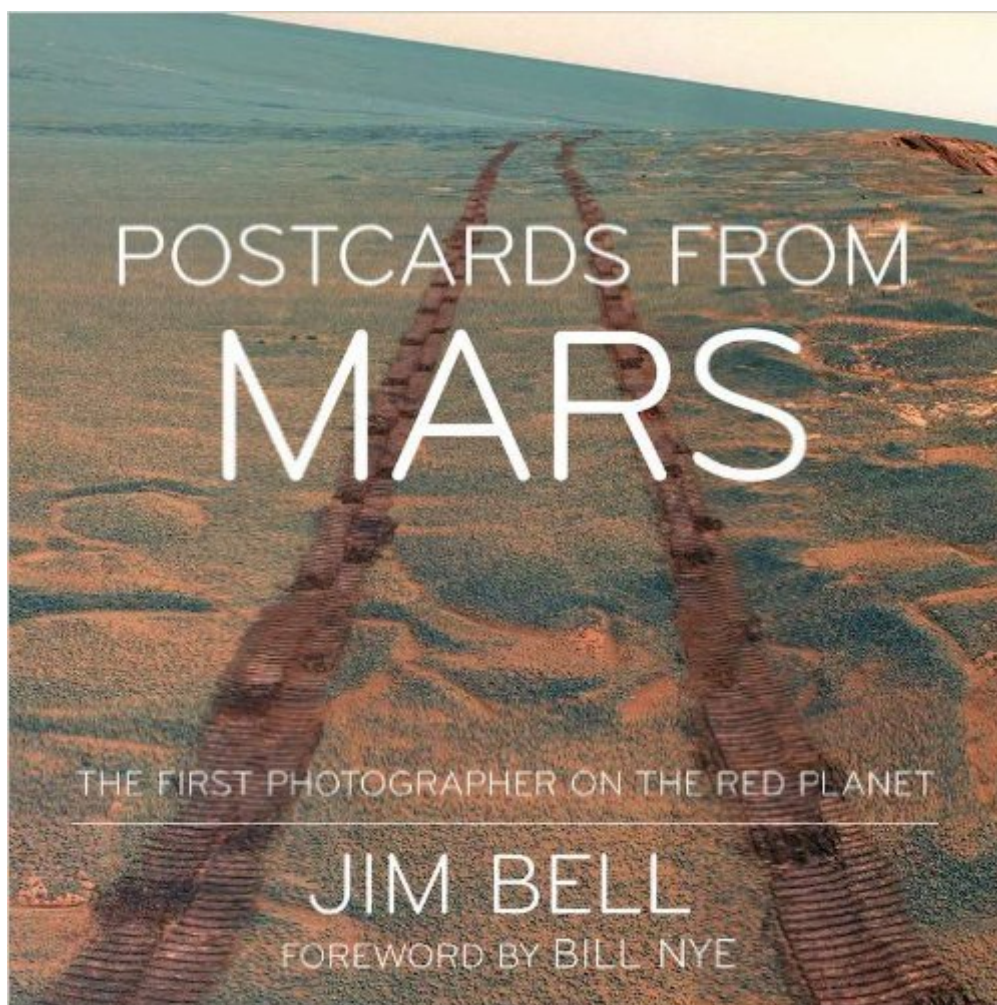


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# Postcards From Mars: The First Photographer On The Red Planet



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The most fantastic of all journeys—the Spirit and Opportunity mobile robot missions to the surface of Mars—produced over 150,000 astonishing photographs. While the images were made available on low-resolution computer screens as they were sent back across millions of space miles, no one until now has done the painstaking work of editing, cropping, and processing these massive (often larger than 100 megabytes) images. The person to do it is Jim Bell, the scientist and photographer who led the photography team on this historic expedition. With his unique perspective, these photographs take us from the brave launches of these robots, to the alien landscape they discovered and the mysteries of the planet that they have helped to solve. Over 150 lavish full-color-process prints bring the colors and textures of Mars to vivid life on the page. Four of the most impressive pictures are presented in their entirety as gatefold images—which extend over three feet in width—providing a view of the surface of another planet unprecedented in its detail and clarity. *Postcards from Mars* is the perfect gift to give readers who have their feet on the ground and their eyes on the heavens.

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I'm an amateur photographer, I own quite a few photography books, but NONE quite like this- When you're viewing photography books of any location anywhere on earth, you have other books to compare them to- As the title implies, no one has EVER published a book of photos which were taken on the surface of Mars before, this is quite a new technology, so there's nothing to compare

this too- So just WOW !!!! like to think that I'm still many years away from having any children yet (back here in earth that is), but perhaps someday my great grand children will be looking at this book, seeing what Mars once looked like in the early years of the 21st century, before people started to live there ...

Lavishly illustrated with high resolution photos, an amazing look at the surface of another planet. Having grown up during the early years of space exploration, I was accustomed to seeing the grainy pictures taken by planetary probes. The photos in this book, by contrast, are so clear they look like they could have been taken on earth. The accompanying text and photo captions give excellent detail.

What an awesome bargain!!! This magnificent book, beautifully illustrated, & delivered straight to my doorstep, for only \$7.81. There are true values out there; you just have to find great places like this seller!! Thanks!! Saludos

In the summer of 2003, two robotic rovers were launched for Mars. They arrived in different locations, about three weeks apart. Professor Jim Bell, the lead scientist for the imaging system used on the rovers, was determined to take large and interesting pictures of the Martian landscape, and make them available to all via the Internet. He liked to think of these images as postcards from Mars. In this large and attractive book, Prof. Bell combines the story of the Mars Exploration Rover Mission (MER) with many pictures of Red Planet. Some of the pictures are so large that they are presented in fold-out format - filling the equivalent of four of these large pages! So, if you are interested in Mars or in the recent MER mission, then you really should get this book. The pictures alone are worth their weight in gold, and the text makes the book all that much better. It's a great book!

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