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Catie Marron's *City Parks* captures the spirit and beauty of eighteen of the world's most-loved city parks. Zadie Smith, Ian Frazier, Candice Bergen, Colm Tóibín, Nicole Krauss, Jan Morris, and a dozen other remarkable contributors reflect on a particular park that holds special meaning for them.

Andrew Sean Greer eloquently paints a portrait of first love in the Presidio; André Aciman muses on time's fleeting nature and the changing face of New York viewed from the High Line; Pico Iyer explores hidden places and privacy in Kyoto; Jonathan Alter takes readers from the 1968 race riots to Obama's 2008 victory speech in Chicago's Grant Park; Simon Winchester invites us along on his adventures in the Maidan; and Bill Clinton writes of his affection for Dumbarton Oaks.

Oberto Gili's color and black-and-white photographs unify the writers' unique and personal voices. Taken around the world over the course of a year, in every season, his pictures capture the inherent mood of each place. Fusing images and text, *City Parks* is an extraordinary and unique project: through personal reflection and intimate detail it taps into collective memory and our sense of time's passage.



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