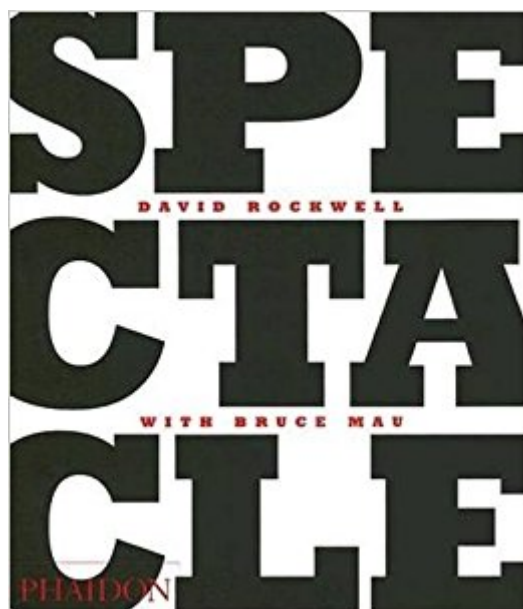


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# Spectacle



## Synopsis

'Spectacle' is a visual essay that celebrates the phenomenon and history of public performance worldwide. Colour and archival photographs document 19 events, among them the Olympic Games, the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, and the Burning Man festival in the Nevada Desert.

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David Rockwell has worked in the field of natural resource conservation for more than 25 years as a consultant, manager, writer, and teacher. His previous books include "Nature of North America" and "Giving Voice to Bear," He lives in Dixon, Montana. Mau, principal of the Toronto-based firm Bruce Mau Design, is the designer of the critically acclaimed Zone series.

A real good coffee table book -- an interesting photo on each page. Can turn to any page and read a mini story.

Interesting background information for many major events around the world. Great photos. Educational.

Wonderful pictures of most of the largest gatherings of human beings on the planet. Some of the writing is a bit less objective than might be ideal but the descriptions do give a good overview of the particulars of each event. A wonderful collection of images of human gatherings.

I keep it on my coffee table and open it every once in a while.

I didn't know what to expect when I opened up this book - but it's fair to say the whole world exploded (in a good way) before my eyes as I literally flew through the pages. Spectacle takes a look at the reasons why people gather together - sometimes in the most unwelcoming circumstances - to celebrate, to mourn, to affect change, to create. There's a beauty here that goes way beyond the amazing photographs - it's the study of the whys and hows behind the events and how the connective energies are the same regardless of ones attending a NASCAR race or the running of the bulls. I was tremendously moved by SPECTACLE.

I really enjoyed the book and its bold colorful pictures. The articles were very interesting...especially when we turned to page 144-145 and saw that we were in the book. It is a great keepsake for our first experience at a NASCAR race. I bought a book for all of our friends to enjoy.

An enlightening experiences into the most miraculous community or urban places bringing places and ideas together. And it is particularly overwhelming to review this issue from the lens of an architect.

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