



# Wonderful World

## Islands Of Delight, Set In Spectacular Seas



Photo: Tim O'Keefe

(NAPSA)—A book of breathtaking beauty may help awaken many people to an ugly fact.

The book, *Water Culture*, was created by explorer Jean-Michel Cousteau and an international collaboration of prestigious authors and photographers to draw attention to the tremendous harm human beings continue to do to the world's oceans, lakes and rivers.



Cousteau

"It is important to our planet's future survival that people around the world see and understand how interconnected we are to our water supply," Cousteau said. "We cannot continue to use the ocean and our fresh water as the world's garbage can."

Increasing the book's potential impact is that it also includes reflections by such world leaders as ex-President Jimmy Carter and former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev.

It's those and other notables who—with the help of an amazing assortment of artwork donated by more than 80 photographers—make the case, for example, against allowing almost 20 percent of the babies born every 24 seconds around the world to grow up with no clean drinking water.

*Water Culture* is available at major bookstores, at [www.phaidon.com](http://www.phaidon.com), and from Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society (found on the Internet at [www.oceanfutures.com](http://www.oceanfutures.com)).

Jean-Michel Cousteau is also co-director of the Environmental Program at the British Virgin Islands Community College's Marine Center and a spokesman for the British Virgin Islands, a collection of 40-plus islands known for their exceptional beauty and unique marine environment.

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