

## **Natalie McGuire**

### **Spirit of the land**

Everyday Nature tells a different story and I notice her subtle hints urging me to wander and capture the ever-changing scenery. I call this collection "Spirit of the Land" documented in infrared black and white photography. They portray an otherworldly, surreal, almost dreamlike state that feels three-dimensional. When I accept Mother Nature's invitation, I travel out into the world with my camera, it's through texture, lines, contrast that I get my inspiration. Dependent upon the offerings from Nature and my mood this compilation of photographs is made up of diverse landscapes like bodies of water, farms, back roads, mountains, rolling hills, lush forests, to urban murals of decay and human Abandoned structures. Images in this collection have messages that needs to be told, may it be a warning to change our ways or as a sign of hope; giving the viewer a new appreciation to Nature's murals with different perspectives that they may not have noticed before.

My bond with Mother Nature started out when I was a child, from my parents love of travel via RV. We believed that the road trip was a part of the journey that you can't get from a plane. The side windows were my TV screen, and I would sit and watch the landscape go by. No reruns to watch, only magical views sparking my young imagination, as my mind whimsically wandered absorbing it all in like sponge! A blissful vista like this stayed with me for my entire life, inspiring my explorations as an adult artist.

The long drives and watching the landscape transform right before my eyes takes me to another conscience plain. These road trips recharge my soul and fuel my creativity that I share with the world in a form of art. I prefer to navigate the less-traveled routes so I can savor the sights and sounds of nature, just like I enjoy the scent of lilacs in spring.



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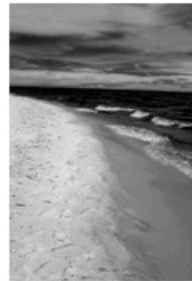
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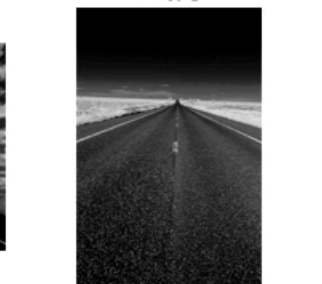
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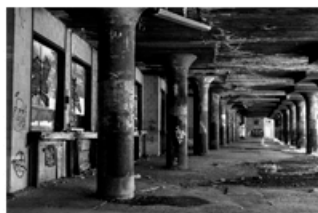
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1. Bridge to Wonder
2. Campering Life Summer
3. Pine Edged Road
4. Sleeping Bear Beach
5. Reflected Souls
6. Sleeping Bear overlook
7. Winter on the Creek
8. Horse Love
9. Seeds Planted
10. Threes Broken Windows
11. Driftless Bluffs
12. Triangle farm in the hills
13. Mt. Evans view
14. Refugee Trees
15. Three Bales
16. Old Mailbox
17. Colorado Bound
18. Oklahoma Road
19. Motif #1
20. Grassy sand Tracks
21. Crissy Beach
22. Burnt out and Beached
23. Gateway to Race point beach
24. Lone Tree Fenced
25. Pallet MTN
26. No Parking
27. Under the Tracks
28. Danger
29. Wishes or Weeds?
30. Beach Life

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