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AGI Offers *Over the Mountain* by Michael Collier

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is pleased to offer a new publication from Mikaya Press entitled *Over the Mountain* by Michael Collier, 2006 recipient of AGI's Outstanding Contribution to Public Understanding of Earth Sciences award.

Over the Mountain (ISBN: 1931414181) uses Collier's aerial photography and geologic background to focus on the beauty and geologic history of America's mountain ranges. As one of the country's premier aerial photographers, his images capture the power and majesty of Earth's processes.

This stunning publication containing large-format color photographs of the major mountain ranges in the United States, illuminating the geologic processes that created them and supported with concise text, diagrams and captions to explain to the reader the geologic story behind the awe-inspiring pictures.

Renowned in the field of geoscience, Collier has received the American Geological Institute's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Pubic Understanding of Geosciences. His books have won the National Outdoor Book Award, the National Park Service Director's Award and the U.S. Geological Survey's Communications Award.

Many of Collier's powerful photographs are also featured as part of the Earth Science World Image Bank maintained by AGI. This website provides searchable earth science images for use in education or print. Scientific American called the Image Bank one of the top 10 websites for Earth and Space Science in 2004. The Earth Science World Image Bank can be accessed by going to http://www.earthscienceworld.org/images/.

To learn more about *Over the Mountain* and other publications offered by AGI, please visit http://www.agiweb.org/pubs/index.html.

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