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Aperture Foundation, Inc, New York, 2012. Hardcover. Condition: New. 1st Edition. First edition, first printing. Signed by Richard Misrach and Kate Orff. Hardcover. Photographically illustrated paper-covered boards; no dust jacket as issued. Photographs by Richard Misrach. Ecological atlas by Kate Orff. Designed by Bob Aufuldish, Aufuldish & Warinner. 240 pp., plus 24-pp. insert, with 150 four-color plates. 10-1/2 x 13-1/2 inches. New (opened only for signature). From the publisher: "Petrochemical America features Richard Misrach's haunting photographic record of Louisiana's Chemical Corridor, accompanied by landscape architect Kate Orff's Ecological Atlas -- a series of 'throughlines,' speculative drawings developed through research and mapping of data from the region. Their joint effort depicts and unpacks the complex cultural, physical, and economic ecologies along 150 miles of the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to New Orleans, an area of intense chemical production that first garnered public attention as 'Cancer Alley' when unusual occurrences of cancer were discovered in the region. This collaboration has resulted in an unprecedented, multilayered document presenting a unique narrative of visual information. Petrochemical America offers in-depth analysis of the causes of decades of environmental abuse along the largest river system in North America. Even more critically, the project offers an extensively researched guidebook to the way in which the petrochemical industry has permeated every facet of contemporary life. What is revealed over the course of the book is that Cancer Alley -- although complicated by its own regional histories and particularities -- may well be an apt metaphor for the global impact of petrochemicals on the human landscape as a whole. Richard Misrach (born in Los Angeles, 1949) has a long-standing personal connection with New Orleans and the surrounding region. Destroy This Memory, his latest published monograph, shows a record of hurricane-inspired graffiti left on houses and cars in New Orleans in the wake of Katrina,...

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