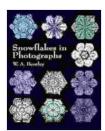
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Snowflakes have been photographed for centuries, but it was not until the late 19th century that scientists began to study them in detail. In 1885, American meteorologist Wilson A. Bentley took the first known photograph of a snowflake. Bentley went on to photograph over 5,000 snowflakes, and his work helped to revolutionize our understanding of these beautiful crystals.

The Dover Pictorial Archive

The Dover Pictorial Archive is a collection of over 100,000 images that were originally published in Dover Publications books. The archive includes a wide variety of images, including photographs, illustrations, and maps. The archive is a valuable resource for researchers, artists, and anyone else who is interested in visual history.

The Dover Pictorial Archive includes a number of photographs of snowflakes. These photographs were taken by a variety of photographers, including Wilson A. Bentley, and they provide a fascinating glimpse into the beauty and diversity of snowflakes.

The Science of Snowflakes

Snowflakes are formed when water vapor in the air freezes into ice crystals. The shape of a snowflake is determined by the temperature and humidity of the air when it forms. Snowflakes can be classified into six basic shapes: plates, columns, needles, dendrites, rime, and graupel.

- Plates are flat, hexagonal crystals. They are the most common type of snowflake.
- Columns are long, thin crystals. They are often seen in cold, dry air.
- Needles are thin, needle-like crystals. They are often seen in cold, humid air.
- Dendrites are branched crystals. They are the most complex and beautiful type of snowflake.
- Rime is a type of snowflake that forms when water droplets freeze on a cold surface.

 Graupel is a type of snowflake that forms when snow pellets are coated with ice.

The Beauty of Snowflakes

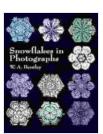
Snowflakes are one of the most beautiful creations of nature. Their delicate and intricate shapes are a marvel to behold. Snowflakes have been used as inspiration for art, music, and literature for centuries.

The Dover Pictorial Archive is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in the beauty and diversity of snowflakes. The archive includes a number of photographs of snowflakes that are sure to inspire and amaze.

Snowflakes are a beautiful and fascinating part of nature. They are a reminder of the beauty and complexity of the world around us. The Dover Pictorial Archive is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in the beauty and science of snowflakes.

Additional Resources

- The Caltech Snow Crystals Project
- The Snowflake Bentley Foundation
- Snowflakes National Weather Service



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