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## A BOOK OF WONDER

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of arcane and commonplace wonders,  
as compiled by the editors  
from submissions received from around globe,  
and spanning the categories of art, nature, science & other  
miscellaneous divisions of modern living,  
with observations by members of the public,  
known and unknown to the reader

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## I. SELECTED NOTABLE CONTRIBUTORS

Bryan Adams  
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Sir Paul Smith  
Nadja Swarovski  
Marcel Wanders  
Bruce Weber  
Marco Pierre White

and many others ...

## II. SELECTED NOTABLE ENTRIES

**Amaretti digalarate.** The lightest and most amazing amaretti biscuits you'll ever taste. Giorgio Locatelli, chef, London

**Djenne Grand Mosque, Mali, Africa.** The largest mud brick building in the world, the Grand Mosque was designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1998 and has been referred to as one of Africa's most important buildings.

The mosque was built in 1907 and, for me, embodies both the elegant craftsmanship of that time and the town's sense of warmth, community and shared sense of responsibility that you find when you visit today.

Every local resident plays a role in the maintaining the building via an annual festival where food and music accompany diligent work to repair erosion and weather damage suffered by the mosque throughout the year.

David Adjaye, architect, London

**Mandela, Nelson (b.1918).** Can a person be a wonder of the world?  
Yes – in a simple handshake (strong and friendly) – oh yes the smiles  
and frowns seemed a 1000 years old, and yes you couldn't find a trace  
of anger in his eyes – even though his loss is sometimes too much for the  
human race to bear – but his hellos and goodbyes brought tears to our eyes.  
Bruce Weber and Nan Bush, New Yor

**Snoopy.** My Wonder of the World is Snoopy – because he's Snoopy!  
Giles Deacon, designer, London

**Truth and Reconciliation Council, South Africa.** Set up by Desmond Tutu  
to encourage the people of South Africa to forgive each other for the various  
horrors of apartheid, to trade honesty and truth for revenge. This, beyond  
all else, I regard as a great wonder of the recent world. It would have been  
impossible for me to have imagined that it could work – until it did. I see the  
TRC as one of the greatest imaginative acts of all time, an act of outrageous  
idealism that paid off, so that's what I'll nominate as my Wonder.  
Brian Eno, artist/musician, London

**Twelve things.** Fresh carrots. The one-minute sculptures I make with  
Joy Erwin olaf's Jacky Kennedy. The never build black copy of the Taj Mahal  
Bonsai. Anton Beeke's poster for the kunstrai with the face of Benno  
Premsele Jaguar F-Type. Sea dragon (the one with the flubber parts  
dangling around) Mosaick. Female lips curling up (also called smile).  
Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring. Starck's teddy bear.  
Marcel Wanders, designer, Amsterdam



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by Bruce Weber + Nan Bush