

"Lake Tahoe" 10" x 14" Gouache on Illustration Board

Lake Tahoe is a stunning display of geographic diversity. Standing on the ridge of the Sierra Nevada mountains, I was staring down at a steep ski mogul field that resembled a giant egg carton. The dark green pine trees, only their tips exposed, pushed through drifting snow like half-buried giants. Over-head, the blinding blue sky reminded me that I had forgotten to put on sun block. Behind me, the warm earth tones of a scorched desert stretched to the horizon. But down in the valley, the lake reminded me of a tropical beach with white sand rimming a sea of crystal clear, emerald waters.

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