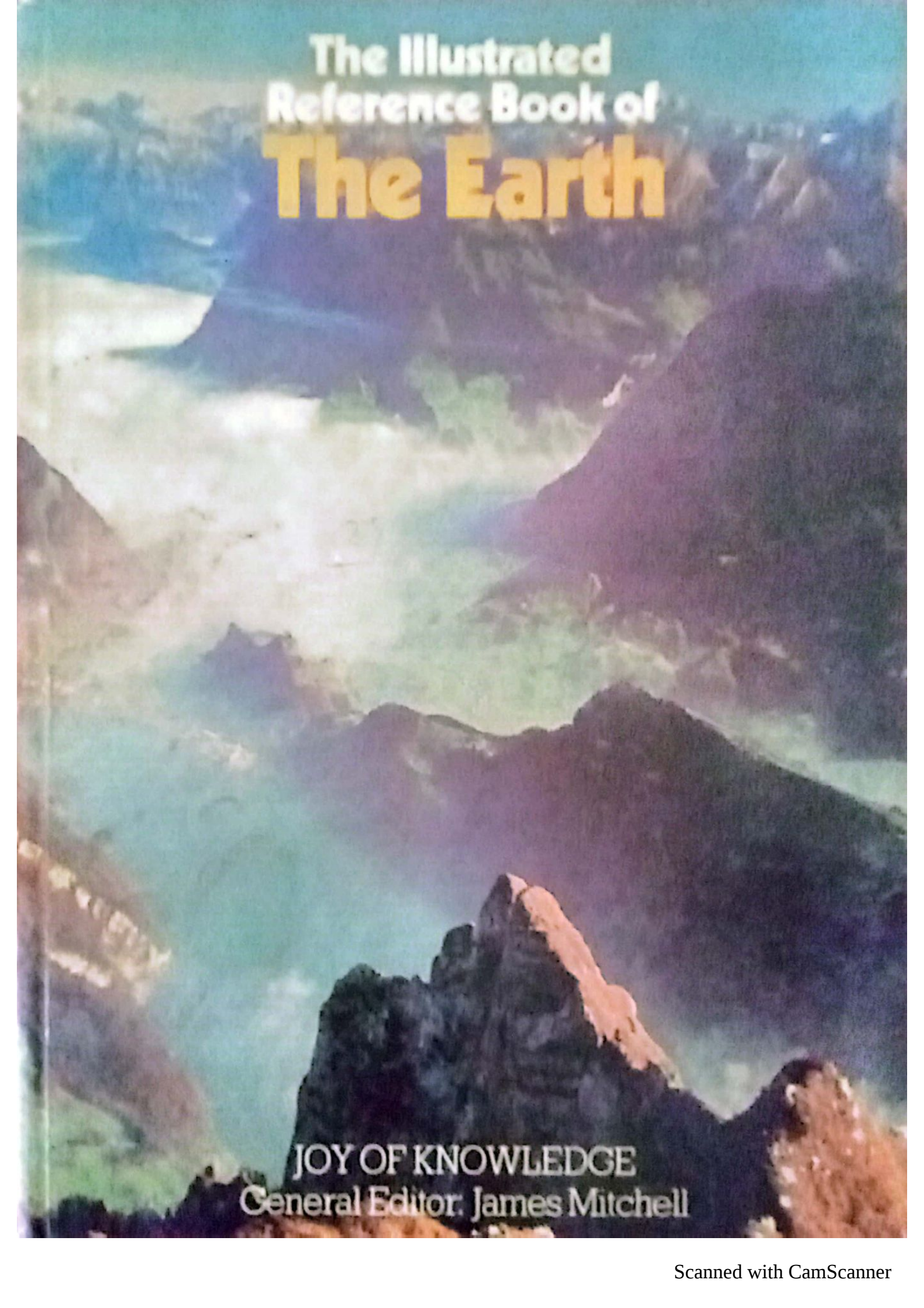


The background of the cover is a vibrant, painterly illustration of a mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a dark, jagged mountain peak rises from the bottom center. Behind it, a deep valley is filled with a mix of green and yellowish-brown, suggesting a forest or scrubland. In the distance, more mountain ranges are visible, some with patches of white that could be snow or glaciers. A body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, is visible on the left side of the image, reflecting the sky. The overall color palette is rich and varied, with deep blues, greens, yellows, and browns, giving it a classic, artistic feel.

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