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In his most ambitious work to date, the acclaimed author of "Yoga for People Who Can't Be Bothered to Do It" offers an irresistibly idiosyncratic look at what viewers see when they look at photographs. in color.

"As novelist and poet Andrei Codrescu points out in the essay that accompanies this selection of photographs from the Getty Museum's collection, Evans's photographs are the work of an artist whose temperament was distinctly at odds with Beals's impassioned rhetoric. Evans's photographs of Cuba were made by a young, still maturing artist who - as Codrescu argues - was just beginning to combine his early, formalist aesthetic with the social concerns that would figure prominently in his later work."---Jacket.

"The photographs of Walker Evans (1903-1975) altered the American cons-

sciousness; many of his images are fixed in our collective memory. His uncompromising documentation of poverty during the Great Depression is iconic in the history of photography, yet his equally innovative works produced in the ensuing decades have been little known and underappreciated. This monograph, spanning all of Evans's work, presents many photographs that are only rarely seen, including his last images, the Polaroids he shot in the early 1970s. The photographer's rising influence in the 1970s and his symbiotic relationship with legendary Museum of Modern Art curator John Szarkowski are at the core of this revisionist volume"--Book jacket.

Published to accompany James Welling: Monograph, a traveling exhibition organized by the Cincinnati Art Museum and curated by James Crump. February 2-May 5, 2013, Cincinnati Art Museum; November 30, 2013-February 9, 2014, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland--Colophon. 505 0 \$a Ventrilo-

quisms: the art of James Welling / James Crump -- On photography and influence: James Welling in conversation with Eva Respini -- Plan and affect in the work of James Welling / Thomas Seelig -- Light, loss, love: James Welling's light sources / Mark Godfrey.

A re-discovered masterpiece of reporting by a literary icon and a celebrated photographer In 1941, James Agee and Walker Evans published *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, a 400-page prose symphony about three tenant farming families in Hale County, Alabama, at the height of the Great Depression. The book shattered journalistic and literary conventions. Critic Lionel Trilling called it the "most realistic and most important moral effort of our American generation." The origins of Agee and Evans's famous collaboration date back to an assignment for *Fortune* magazine, which sent them to Alabama in the summer of 1936 to report a story that was never published. Some have assumed that *Fortune*'s editors shelved the story because of the unconventional style that marked *Famous Men*, and for years the original report was presumed lost. But fifty years after Agee's death, a trove of his manuscripts turned out to include a typescript labeled "Cotton Tenants." Once examined, the pages made it clear that Agee had in fact written a masterly, 30,000-word report for *Fortune*. Published here for the first time, and accompanied by thirty of Walker Evans's historic photos, *Cotton Tenants* is an eloquent report of three families struggling through desperate times. Indeed, Agee's dispatch remains relevant as one of the most honest explorations of poverty in America ever attempted and as a foundational document of long-form reporting. As the novelist Adam Haslett writes in an introduc-

tion, it is "a poet's brief for the prosecution of economic and social injustice."

Exposes the deepening crisis of poverty and homelessness in America through stories, photographs, and analysis.

This resplendent volume is the most comprehensive study of Walker Evans's work ever published, containing masterful images accompanied by authoritative commentary from leading photography historians. The name Walker Evans conjures images of the American everyman. Whether it's his iconic contributions to James Agee's depressionera classic book, *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, his architectural explorations of antebellum plantations, or his subway series, taken with a camera hidden in his coat, Evans's accessible and eloquent photographs speak to us all. This comprehensive book traces the entire arc of Evans's remarkable career, from the 1930s to the 1970s. The illustrations in the book range from his earliest images taken with a vest pocket camera to his final photos using the then new SX-70 because his regular equipment had become too heavy to carry around. The book includes commentary from three of Evans's longtime friends, photographers John T. Hill and Jerry Thompson and professor emeritus (Yale University) Alan Trachtenberg. Their insight and first-hand experience give depth to their critical writings on Evans's work. In addition to offering a broad perspective on Evans's work, the book also clarifies the photographer's "anti-art" philosophy. Eschewing aesthetic hyperbole, Evans wanted his pictures to resonate with a wide audience. At the same time, his natural curiosity made him one of the most inventive photographers of all time. What these photographs and writings attest to is a huge and timeless talent, which came not from a camera, but from

Evans's uniquely hungry eye.

Featuring the indelible work of the eleven photographers who worked for the Farm Security Administration — perhaps the finest photographic team assembled in the twentieth century — *A Vision Shared: A Classic Portrait of America and Its People 1935-1943* was published in 1976 to great acclaim, and was named one of the hundred most important books of the decade by the Association of American Publishers. John Collier, Jack Delano, Walker Evans, Theo Jung, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, Carl Mydans, Arthur Rothstein, Ben Shahn, John Vachon and Marion Post Wolcott were invited by Hank O'Neal to choose the best of their own work, and provide commentary. For the fortieth anniversary edition of this remarkable volume, all of the photographs, text and historical material that made up the original edition have been carefully reproduced, followed by a new afterword by O'Neal detailing the events that followed the book's initial release.

Considers five documentary sequences or narratives: the antebellum portraits of Mathew Brady and others; the Civil War albums of Alexander Gardner, George Barnard and A.J. Russell; the Western survey and landscape photographs of Timothy O'Sullivan, A.J. Russell, and Carleton Watkins; and social photographs and texts by Alfred Stieglitz and Lewis Hine; as well as documentaries inspired by the Depression, esp. Walker Evans's *American Photographs*.

Focusing on the thirty-three paintings that Philip Guston exhibited at the Marlborough Gallery in 1970, this in-depth account reconsiders the history of postwar American art and the conception of figuration in modern art history. Through a myriad of cultural touchstones, including

evidence from literary and musical vogues of the period, Robert Slifkin examines the role of history as both artistic medium and creative catalyst to Guston's practice as a painter. Slifkin employs a wealth of visual examples, archival materials, and original scholarship to situate Guston's paintings within broader artistic debates of the time, using the cultural movement of "the sixties" as its orienting foreground. This historical framework provides an interface between the notions of time in art and time in the material world. Lively and edifying, Slifkin's comprehensive text productively complicates the prescribed traditions of postwar art history and, in turn, shifts our perception of Guston and his place in the domain of modern art.

Photographs by a team of photographers who traveled across the United States documenting America's experience of the Great Depression and World War II.

Los Angeles magazine is a regional magazine of national stature. Our combination of award-winning feature writing, investigative reporting, service journalism, and design covers the people, lifestyle, culture, entertainment, fashion, art and architecture, and news that define Southern California. Started in the spring of 1961, Los Angeles magazine has been addressing the needs and interests of our region for 48 years. The magazine continues to be the definitive resource for an affluent population that is intensely interested in a lifestyle that is uniquely Southern Californian.

"Originally published in 1982, Stephen Shore's legendary *Uncommon Places* has influenced more than a generation of photographers. Shore was among the first artists to take color beyond the domain of advertising and fashion photography, and his large-format color work on

the American vernacular landscape stands at the root of what has become a vital photographic tradition over the past forty years. *Uncommon Places: The Complete Works*, published by Aperture in 2004, presents a definitive collection of the landmark series, and in the span of a decade, has become a contemporary classic. Now, for this lushly produced reissue, the artist has added twenty rediscovered images and a statement explaining what it means to expand a series now many decades old. Like Robert Frank and Walker Evans before him, Shore discovered a hitherto unarticulated vision of America via highway and camera. Approaching his subjects with cool objectivity, Shore in these images retains precise internal systems of gestures in composition and light, through which a parking lot emptied of people, a hotel bedroom, or a building on a side street assumes both an archetypal aura and an ambiguously personal importance. In contrast to his signature landscapes with which *Uncommon Places* is often associated, this expanded survey reveals equally remarkable collections of interiors and portraits." -- Publisher's description.

Walker Evans's haunting images of Southern sharecroppers in *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* were as revolutionary in their time as James Agee's text, and are now deeply ingrained in the American consciousness. In the first full biography of this intriguing and enigmatic artist, a leading authority on Evans looks beyond the anonymity of his work to reveal the obsessions behind it.

The genre of still life is considered from a wide range of visual perspectives as it spans the history of photography from the early nineteenth century to the present.

Walker's Way: My Years with Walker

Evans, Isabelle Storey's memoir of her ten-year marriage to Walker Evans, is the story of an elegant young woman's infatuation with a great American artist—with the man himself, with what he stood for aesthetically, and with his artistic and social circle—and how her initial passion gradually cooled into disenchantment. Isabelle Boschenstein was born in Switzerland and spent part of her early childhood in Berlin and Paris. She arrived in New York with her first husband, Alec von Steiger, in 1958. But their marriage lacked passion, and when she met Walker Evans, she fell for him headlong. Isabelle and Walker were married in 1960. Evans, already a prominent figure in the world of photography, introduced Isabelle to Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, Helen Levitt, Robert Penn Warren, Alfred Kazin, William H. Whyte, and a host of other luminaries. But over the course of the next decade, her relationship with Walker became strained. In this candid and poignant narrative, which draws extensively on the couple's voluminous correspondence, Isabelle describes how their marriage grew more formal, cooler, and eventually failed altogether as Isabelle felt compelled to move on. *Walker's Way* is a rare gem of personal history: an intimate portrait that remains dignified even as it waxes wistful. Appreciative in its spirit, never marred by scandalous or gratuitous revelation, *Walker's Way* is a moving evocation of a vibrant young woman's growth into mature adulthood. Sumptuously illustrated with over 50 photographs, including more than a dozen previously unpublished works by Evans himself, *Walker's Way* provides a previously unseen glimpse into the domestic life of a major American photographer who ranks among the twentieth century's most celebrated, and enigmatic, artists.

The use of the visual arts to show us our own moral and economic situation has today fallen almost completely into the hands of the photographer. It is for him to fix and to reveal the whole aspect of our society: to record for use in the future our disasters and our claims to divinity. Walker Evans, photographing in New England or Louisiana, watching a Cuban political funeral or a Mississippi flood, working cautiously so as to disturb nothing in the normal atmosphere of the average place, can be considered a kind of disembodied, burrowing eye, a conspirator against time and its hammers. His photographs are the records of contemporary civilization in eastern American.~In the reproductions presented here, two large divisions have been made. The photographs are arranged to be seen in their given sequence. In the first part, which might be labeled "People by Photography," we have an aspect of America for which it would be difficult to claim too much. The physiognomy of a nation is laid on your table. In the second part are pictures which refer to the continuous fact of an indigenous American expression, whatever its source, whatever form it has taken, whether in sculpture, paint, or architecture: that native accent we find again in Kentucky mountain and cowboy ballads and in contemporary swing-music. --from the jacket of the 1938 edition~More than any other artist, Walker Evans invented the image of essential America that we have long since accepted as fact. His work, presented in stark and prototypical form in *American Photographs*, has made its impact not only on photography but also on modern literature, film, and the traditional visual arts. First published in 1938 by The Museum of Modern Art, *American Photographs* has often been out of print. This edition uses duotone plates made

for the 1988 edition from original prints, and makes Evans' landmark book available again. The design and typography have been recreated as precisely as possible.

The *Language of Vision* celebrates and interprets the complementary expressions of photography and literature in the South. Southern imagery and text affect one another, explains Joseph R. Millichap, as intertextual languages and influential visions. Focusing on the 1930s, and including significant works both before and after this preeminent decade, Millichap uncovers fascinating convergences between mediums, particularly in the interplay of documentary realism and subjective modernism. Millichap's subjects range from William Faulkner's fiction, perhaps the best representation of literary and graphic tensions of the period, and the work of other major figures like Robert Penn Warren and Eudora Welty to specific novels, including Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* and James Agee's *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. Fleshing out historical and cultural background as well as critical and theoretical context, Millichap shows how these texts echo and inform the visual medium to reveal personal insights and cultural meanings. Warren's fictions and poems, Millichap argues, redefine literary and graphic tensions throughout the late twentieth century; Welty's narratives and photographs reinterpret gender, race, and class; and Ellison's analysis of race in segregated America draws from contemporary photography. Millichap also traces these themes and visions in Natasha Trethewey's contemporary poetry and prose, revealing how the resonances of these artistic and historical developments extend into the new century. This groundbreaking study reads southern literature across time through the prism of

photography, offering a brilliant formulation of the dialectic art forms.

A magisterial study of celebrated photographer Walker Evans Walker Evans (1903–75) was a great American artist photographing people and places in the United States in unforgettable ways. He is known for his work for the Farm Security Administration, addressing the Great Depression, but what he actually saw was the diversity of people and the damage of the long Civil War. In Walker Evans, renowned art historian Svetlana Alpers explores how Evans made his distinctive photographs. Delving into a lavish selection of Evans's work, Alpers uncovers rich parallels between his creative approach and those of numerous literary and cultural figures, locating Evans within the wide context of a truly international circle. Alpers demonstrates that Evans's practice relied on his camera choices and willingness to edit multiple versions of a shot, as well as his keen eye and his distant straight-on view of visual objects. Illustrating the vital role of Evans's dual love of text and images, Alpers places his writings in conversation with his photographs. She brings his techniques into dialogue with the work of a global cast of important artists—from Flaubert and Baudelaire to Elizabeth Bishop and William Faulkner—underscoring how Evans's travels abroad in such places as France and Cuba, along with his expansive literary and artistic tastes, informed his quintessentially American photographic style. A magisterial account of a great twentieth-century artist, Walker Evans urges us to look anew at the act of seeing the world—to reconsider how Evans saw his subjects, how he saw his photographs, and how we can see his images as if for the first time.

During the 1930s, the world of photography was unsettled, exciting, and boister-

ous. John Raeburn's *A Staggering Revolution* recreates the energy of the era by surveying photography's rich variety of innovation, exploring the aesthetic and cultural achievements of its leading figures, and mapping the paths their pictures blazed public's imagination. While other studies of thirties photography have concentrated on the documentary work of the Farm Security Administration (FSA), no previous book has considered it alongside so many of the decade's other important photographic projects. *A Staggering Revolution* includes individual chapters on Edward Steichen's celebrity portraiture; Berenice Abbott's Changing New York project; the Photo League's ethnography of Harlem; and Edward Weston's western landscapes, made under the auspices of the first Guggenheim Fellowship awarded to a photographer. It also examines Margaret Bourke-White's industrial and documentary pictures, the collective undertakings by California's Group f.64, and the fashion magazine specialists, as well as the activities of the FSA and the Photo League.

Celebrated photographer Robert Mapplethorpe challenged the limits of censorship and conformity, combining technical and formal mastery with unexpected, often provocative content that secured his place in history. Mapplethorpe's artistic vision helped shape the social and cultural fabric of the 1970s and '80s and, following his death in 1989 from AIDS, informed the political landscape of the 1990s. His photographic works continue to resonate with audiences all over the world. Throughout his career, Mapplethorpe preserved studio files and art from every period and vein of his production, including student work, jewelry, sculptures, and commercial assignments. The resulting archive is fascinat-

ing and astonishing. With over 400 illustrations, this volume surveys a virtually unknown resource that sheds new light on the artist's motivations, connections, business acumen, and talent as a curator and collector.

This book argues for a renewed understanding of the fundamentally uncanny quality of the medium of photography. It especially makes the case for the capacity of certain photographs—precisely through their uncanniness—to contest structures of political and social dominance. The uncanny as a quality that unsettles the perception of home emerges as a symptom of modern and contemporary society and also as an aesthetic apparatus by which some key photographs critique the hegemony of capitalist and industrialist domains. The book's historical scope is large, beginning with William Henry Fox Talbot and closing with contemporary indigenous photographer Bear Allison and contemporary African American photographer Devin Allen. Through close readings, exegesis, of individual photographs and careful deployment of contemporary political and aesthetic theory, *The Photographic Uncanny* argues for a re-envisioning of the political capacity of photography to expose the haunted, homeless, condition of modernity.

Through the evidence of trial and error in successive images and through his own word's, this book shows how Hunter Evans worked. The 747 photographs document chronologically his choice of subject and his lifelong technical experimentation.

Confronting Modernity: Art and Society in Louisiana examines how the conflicts and benefits of modernity's nationalizing influences were reflected and resisted by the state's artists in the first half of the twentieth century. In Louisiana, such

change not only produced the turbulent politics of the Huey Long era but also provoked debate over new ideas on art and social roles for artists. By using two of Louisiana's most prominent cultural figures of the era as lenses, Megraw reveals the state's complex relationship with modernity. Artist Ellsworth Woodward and writer Lyle Saxon battled to retain artistic control over what they considered the exceptional character of Louisiana. Woodward defended localized assumptions through art in the world-renowned pottery program he established in 1892 and directed for more than forty years at Sophie Newcomb College. Saxon, on the other hand, fought against modernity's encroachment from within, serving as director of the Federal Writers Project in Louisiana. He used his position to promote literature and culture that preserved local place and historic structure from the transformations wrought by industrialism, consumerism, and the mass media. *Confronting Modernity* vividly explores how Louisiana's struggles with America's rush to modernize mirrored battles for autonomy happening between artists and governments across the country. Richard Megraw is associate professor of American studies at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. His work has been published in *Prospects: An Annual of American Cultural Studies*.

Presents a collection of photographs by the iconic American artist, whose career as a fashion and fine art photographer spanned a period of thirty years until his untimely death from AIDS in 2002.

The problem of "documentary style" in the 1930s is addressed in Chapter One, which examines the overlooked context of architectural surveys during that decade. Two explores how Evans engaged

with mass culture through independent projects, commissioned photo essays, and his job as photographic editor at Fortune magazine from 1948 to 1965. After thirty years of working for magazines, Evans became a professor of photography at Yale University. Three exhumes his role as a theorist and didact, examining how he crafted new interpretations of his photographs and photography that suited the new institutional contexts of the art world. Through both his pictures, writings, and their presentations, Evans continually worked with and against his contexts.

Shares selected images from the American photographer's life's work, and analyzes a career that spanned more than four decades

"Si l'oeuvre de Walker Evans (1903-1975) est strictement photographique, la photographie ne constitue qu'un aspect, mais très important, de celle de Dan Graham. Pour ces deux artistes américains, la photographie représente une manière d'approfondir leur intérêt pour l'architecture, la vie urbaine et la culture vernaculaire. Walker Evans réalisa l'essentiel de son oeuvre dans les années 1930, réunissant un ensemble d'images qui préfigurent le Pop Art. Dan Graham s'est manifesté dans l'art conceptuel des années 1960, comme l'un des artistes qui ont repris le plus consciemment l'héritage du Pop Art. L'exposition a été conçue par l'historien d'art Jean-François Chevrier. Les photographies et les textes du livre qui l'accompagnent devraient mettre en évidence les constantes formelles et culturelles communes à l'histoire des arts visuels et à l'histoire de la photographie."---
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From the 1920s to the time of his death in 1975, photographer Walker Evans was

obsessed with the signage he found in modern America--from billboards to gas station pumps to street graffiti to hand-made announcements of a Saturday-night dance. This book features 50 of his photographs of signs from the Getty Museum's collection, plus 50 additional illustrations.

During the Great Depression, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Rexford Tugwell and his former Columbia student Roy Emerson Stryker spearheaded an effort to create a photographic portrait of the nation's people and places. The result was a federal commission given to a number of photographers who traveled throughout the country to record the pride and perseverance, strengths and weaknesses of the people. Resulting in more than 2,500 photographs in Georgia alone, this project created a visual record of an influential period of American history. This pictorial album relies on the little-known pictures from this federal commission along with picture postcards, personal pictures and memorabilia, written records, and interviews to record and reconstruct a tale of the state's resources, people, education, health, housing, labor and entertainment. The effects of President Roosevelt's New Deal programs are also emphasized. An appendix provides short biographies of ten federally commissioned photographers who worked in Georgia, including Carl Mydans, Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Jack Delano and Esther Bubley.

Chiefly essays presented at the Fifth Alabama Symposium on English and American Literature, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Oct. 19-21, 1978.

Impressively detailed. . . . An authoritative and epic overview.--Publishers Weekly

Looks at how documentary photographers have contested the idea of the American dream, and discusses the work of Francis Benjamin Johnston, Lewis

Hine, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, William Klein, Diane Arbus, and Robert Frank