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Secular Buddhism U of Minnesota Press
James Van Der Zee was an African-American photographer who specialized in funerals. This book includes many of his photographs, with his comments. The text, by Camille Billops, is primarily an interview with the artist at the age of 91. Includes poetry, by Owen Dodson, inspired by some of the photos.
Face Vintage

Ghost Image is made up of sixty-three short essays—meditations, memories, fantasies, and stories bordering on prose poems—and not a single image. Hervé Guibert's brief, literary rumination on photography was written in response to Roland Barthes's *Camera Lucida*, but its deeply personal contents go far beyond that canonical text. Some essays talk of Guibert's parents and friends, some describe old family photographs and films, and spinning through them all are reflections on remembrance, narcissism, seduction, deception, death, and the

phantom images that have been missed. Both a memoir and an exploration of the artistic process, *Ghost Image* not only reveals Guibert's particular experience as a gay artist captivated by the transience and physicality of his media and his life, but also his thoughts on the more technical aspects of his vocation. In one essay, Guibert searches through a cardboard box of family portraits for clues—answers, or even questions—about the lives of his parents and more distant relatives. Rifling through vacation snapshots and the autographed images of

long-forgotten film stars, Guibert muses, "I don't even recognize the faces, except occasionally that of an aunt or great-aunt, or the thin, fair face of my mother as a young girl." In other essays, he explains how he composes his photographs, and how—in writing—he seeks to escape and correct the inherent limits of his technique, to preserve those images lost to his technical failings as a photographer. With strains of Jean Genet and recurring themes that speak to the work of contemporary artists across a range of media, Guibert's *Ghost Image* is a beautifully written, melancholic ode to existence and art forms both fleeting and powerful—a unique memoir at the nexus of family, memory, desire, and photography.

Uneventful Duke University Press

"...with the so-called civilised workers, almost without exception their civilisation was only skin deep." O. Pirow, quoting South African Prime Minister J. B. M. Hertzog For this book Santu Mofokeng collected private photographs which urban black working and middle-class families in South Africa commissioned between 1890 and 1950, a time when the government

was creating policies towards those designated as "natives". Painterly in style, the images evoke the artifices of Victorian photography. Some of them are fiction, a creation of the artist in terms of setting, props, clothing and pose - yet there is no evidence of coercion. We believe these images, as they reveal something about how these people imagined themselves. In this work Mofokeng analyses the sensibilities, aspirations and self-image of the black population and its desire for representation and social recognition in times of colonial rule and suppression. The *Black Photo Album / Look at Me: 1890-1950* is drawn from an ongoing research project of the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

Benjamin, Barthes and the Singularity of Photography Peterson's

An essential collection of Stephen Batchelor's most probing and important work on secular Buddhism As the practice of mindfulness permeates mainstream Western culture, more and more people are engaging in a traditional form of Buddhist meditation. However, many of these people have little interest in the religious aspects of Buddhism, and the

practice occurs within secular contexts such as hospitals, schools, and the workplace. Is it possible to recover from the Buddhist teachings a vision of human flourishing that is secular rather than religious without compromising the integrity of the tradition? Is there an ethical framework that can underpin and contextualize these practices in a rapidly changing world? In this collected volume of Stephen Batchelor's writings on these themes, the author explores the complex implications of Buddhism's secularization. Ranging widely--from reincarnation, religious belief, and agnosticism to the role of the arts in Buddhist practice--he offers a detailed picture of contemporary Buddhism and its attempt to find a voice in the modern world.

Give Me Your Image Canongate Books

Winner of the National Book Critics' Circle Award for Criticism. One of the most highly regarded books of its kind, Susan Sontag's *On Photography* first appeared in 1977 and is described by its author as "a progress of essays about the meaning and career of photographs." It begins with the famous "In Plato's Cave" essay, then offers five other prose meditations on this topic,

and concludes with a fascinating and far-reaching "Brief Anthology of Quotations." See/Saw Schilt Publishing

"In the sentence 'She's no longer suffering,' to what, to whom does 'she' refer? What does that present tense mean?" —Roland Barthes, from his diary The day after his mother's death in October 1977, Roland Barthes began a diary of mourning. For nearly two years, the legendary French theorist wrote about a solitude new to him; about the ebb and flow of sadness; about the slow pace of mourning, and life reclaimed through writing. Named a Top 10 Book of 2010 by The New York Times and one of the Best Books of 2010 by Slate and The Times Literary Supplement, *Mourning Diary* is a major discovery in Roland Barthes's work: a skeleton key to the themes he tackled throughout his life, as well as a unique study of grief—intimate, deeply moving, and universal.

James Welling Macmillan

The everyday practice of photography by millions of amateur photographers - the family snapshots, the holiday prints, the wedding portraits - may seem to be a spontaneous and highly personal activity.

But Bourdieu and his associates aim to show that few cultural activities are more structured and systematic than the social uses of this ordinary art.

Keeper of the Hearth Kodansha

In this groundbreaking publication, Ewing announces the death of the conventional portrait. In an age when we are bombarded with flawless images of youthful beauty, when rejuvenation is available through a jar of cream or a scalpel, artists and photographers seek to portray the face in new ways.

Ghost Image Picador USA

"Like the delayed rays of a star" contemplates the role of the gaze in photography while attempting to pierce the propaganda surrounding US-centric perceptions of Beirut. The work immerses the viewer into the photographer's domestic space through sun-drenched portraits from her Ottoman-era home. The images aim to question the misplaced anxieties of what it means to grow up in a post 9/11 image landscape, to live and work in Lebanon, and give birth to one's first child in Beirut on August 4th--the same day as the catastrophic 2020 Beirut explosion. The photographs confront this

rhetoric and conditioned fear by documenting a confluence of "perfume, smoke, fruit, flowers, baking bread, and exhaust fumes" with the subtleties of passing time ruptured by light; these nuanced moments draw inward, decentering the authorial lens, intentionally shifting how mediated photographs affect one's community. In moments charged by Beirut's 2019 rebellion, economic collapse, the pandemic, and the most recent 2020 blast, this publication seeks to resist the narrative tropes of the Western gaze by asking us, "Will there ever be another way to see Beirut?"

Mourning Diary Aperture Foundation

This work presents an approach to practical, hands-on gardening and is also a study of Japanese aesthetic. The art of the Japanese garden is a 1,500-year-old landscape design tradition that is still evolving, still instructive. *Secret Teachings in the Art of Japanese Gardens* explains the fundamental principles of this tradition and describes how those principles may be applied to a much wider range of environments than exists in Japan. In the first section the author draws on his own

experience as an apprentice to a master gardener in Kyoto, as well as his considerable

The History of Photography, from 1839 to the Present Day University of Chicago Press

Exploring the close relationship between the real and the symbolic and imaginary. What you imagined is not always imaginary, but everything that is imaginary is imagined. It is by imagining that people make the impossible become possible. In mythology or religion, however, those things that are imagined are never experienced as being imaginary by believers. The realm of the imagined is even more real than the real; it is super-real, surreal. Lévi-Strauss held that "the real, the symbolic and the imaginary" are three separate orders. Maurice Godelier demonstrates the contrary: that the real is not separate from the symbolic and the imaginary. For instance, for a portion of humanity, rituals and sacred objects and places attest to the reality and therefore the truth that God, gods or spirits exist. The symbolic enables people to signify what they think and do, encompassing thought, spilling over into the whole body,

but also pervading temples, palaces, tools, foods, mountains, the sea, the sky and the earth. It is real. Godelier's book goes to the strategic heart of the social sciences, for to examine the nature and role of the imaginary and the symbolic is also to attempt to account for the basic components of all societies and ultimately of human existence. And these aspects in turn shape our social and personal identity.

The Black Photo Album University of Chicago Press

A gorgeously unique, fully illustrated exploration into the phenomenology of reading—how we visualize images from reading works of literature, from one of our very best book jacket designers, himself a passionate reader. "A playful, illustrated treatise on how words give rise to mental images." —The New York Times. What do we see when we read? Did Tolstoy really describe Anna Karenina? Did Melville ever really tell us what, exactly, Ishmael looked like? The collection of fragmented images on a page—a graceful ear there, a stray curl, a hat positioned just so—and other clues and signifiers helps us to create an image of a character.

But in fact our sense that we know a character intimately has little to do with our ability to concretely picture our beloved—or reviled—literary figures. In this remarkable work of nonfiction, Knopf's Associate Art Director Peter Mendelsund combines his profession, as an award-winning designer; his first career, as a classically trained pianist; and his first love, literature—he considers himself first and foremost as a reader—into what is sure to be one of the most provocative and unusual investigations into how we understand the act of reading.

Feeling Photography Morgan & Morgan, Incorporated

In *Suspended Conversations* Martha Langford shows how photographic albums tell intimate and revealing stories about individuals and families. Unlike those who isolate the individual photograph, treat albums as texts, or argue that photography has supplanted memory, she shows that the photographic album must be taken as a whole and interpreted as a visual and verbal performance that extends oral consciousness. Albums are treasured by families, collected as illustrations of the past by museums of

social history, and examined by scholars for what they can reveal about attitudes and sensibilities. Most agree that albums are stories that come to life in the retelling - but when no one is left to tell the tale, the intrigue of the album becomes a puzzle, a suspended conversation. Langford argues that oral consciousness provides the missing key. By correlating photography and orality she shows how albums were designed to work as performances and how we can unlock their mysteries. *Suspended Conversations* brings to light a collection of photographic travelogues, memoirs, thematic collections, and family sagas compiled between 1860 and 1960 and held by the McCord Museum of Canadian History. Langford not only provides a fascinating glimpse of the preoccupations of previous centuries but brings photography into the great conversation of how we remember and how we send our stories into the future.

Like the Delayed Rays of a Star Macmillan Barthes investigation into the meaning of photographs is a seminal work of twentieth-century critical theory. This is a special Vintage Design Edition, with fold-

out cover and stunning photography throughout. Examining themes of presence and absence, these reflections on photography begin as an investigation into the nature of photographs - their content, their pull on the viewer, their intimacy. Then, as Barthes contemplates a photograph of his mother as a child, the book becomes an exposition of his own mind. He was grieving for his mother at the time of writing. Strikingly personal, yet one of the most important early academic works on photography, *Camera Lucida* remains essential reading for anyone interested in the power of images.

'Effortlessly, as if in passing, his reflections on photography raise questions and doubts which will permanently affect the vision of the reader' Guardian

William Klein Verso Books

Essays on semiology

Mythologies Hill and Wang

From 2002 through 2005, Bertien van Manen traveled all over Europe visiting families and documenting their personal photographs, some selected from albums or hanging on walls, and others stashed in less obvious places around their lives. She collected traces of war and suppression

and of happiness and sadness, encompassing a century of history in these recorded--and here re-recorded--meetings of human eyes, minds and hearts. Beyond its very basic appeal, the project seems to reassess van Manen's earlier work--a career of more direct photojournalism including *A Hundred Summers*, *a Hundred Winters*, on the people of the former Soviet Union, and *East Wind West Wind* on the people China--and to memorialize the paper print itself, in light of pervasive new digital cameras and photo-enabled cell phones that make her work all the more rare

A Lover's Discourse Bloomsbury Publishing USA

This lavish book marks the 40th anniversary of Barthes' renowned work *Camera Lucida* in 2020. Artist Odette England invited 199 of the world's best-known contemporary photographers, writers, critics, curators and art historians to contribute an image or text that reflects on Barthes' unpublished snapshot of his mother, aged five. This snapshot is known as the winter garden photograph. Barthes discusses it at length in *Camera Lucida*, but never reproduces it. It is one of the

most famous unseen photographs in the world.

Camera Obscura, Camera Lucida Vintage
Hugely influential among contemporary art photographers, James Welling has created beautiful and uncompromising photographs for more than 35 years. Operating in the hybrid ground between painting, sculpture and traditional photography, Welling is first and foremost a photographic practitioner enthralled with the possibilities of the medium. James Welling: Monograph provides the most thorough presentation of the artist's work to date. Since the mid-1970s, Welling's work has explored realism and transparency, abstraction and representation, optics and description, personal and cultural memory, and the material and chemical nature of photography. To date, the artist has been the subject of numerous catalogues addressing his more than 25 bodies of work. Yet no previous book has attempted to link these works and examine the primary threads that run through them all. Sumptuously produced, this volume presents a large selection of recent series, from 2000 through to the present,

interspersed with important early and iconic works made in the preceding decades. James Crump, Chief Curator of the Cincinnati Art Museum contributes an extensive introductory essay. Also included are text contributions by Mark Godfrey and Thomas Seelig, plus an interview with Eva Respini, Associate Curator in the Department of Photography at MoMA.

Photography Degree Zero Random House
'Benjamin, Barthes and the Singularity of Photography' presents two figures of the twentieth century in a comparative light. Pursuing aspects of Benjamin's and Barthes's engagement with photography, it provides interpretations of texts, argues that despite the different historical, philosophical and cultural contexts of their work, Benjamin and Barthes engage with similar issues and problems that photography poses, including the relationship between the photograph and its beholder as a confrontation between self and other, and the dynamic relation between time, subjectivity, memory and loss. Each writer emphasizes the singular event of the photograph's apprehension and its ethical and existential aspects

rooted in the power and poignancy of photographic images. The book mapping the relationship between photographic history and theory, cultural criticism and autobiography.

Camera Lucida Yale University Press
The Barthes Effect was first published in 1987. Minnesota Archive Editions uses digital technology to make long-unavailable books once again accessible, and are published unaltered from the original University of Minnesota Press editions. The author acknowledges the essay as an eccentric phenomenon in literary history, one that has long resisted entry into the taxonomy of genres, as it concentrates on four works by Roland Barthes: *The Pleasure of the Text*, *A Lover's Discourse*, Roland Barthes by Roland Barthes, and *Camera Lucida*. Maintains that with Barthes the essay achieves a status of its own, as reflective text. ". . . a study rigorously conscious of the critical maneuvers it executes and, more importantly, questions as critical practice . . ." Bensmaïa's strategy produces a successful investigation of the interstices and slippages of meaning which Barthes addressed in his work." *SubStance*

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