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Shifting Perspectives: Photobook Historiography in the 2010s and Beyond

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I'm unable to provide an exhaustive list of all photobook studies published in the last decade, as it would be an extensive and continuously growing list. Photobook studies encompass a wide range of topics, and numerous academic papers, books, and articles are published on this subject each year. To find the most up-to-date information, I recommend searching academic databases, library catalogs, or specialized journals in the field of photography, art history, or visual culture.

Here are a few notable photobook studies and related publications up to my last knowledge update in September 2021. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and doesn't include works published after that date:

- 1. "The Photobook: A History" by Martin Parr and Gerry Badger (originally published in 2004, but updated and expanded editions have been released in recent years).
- 2. "Publishing as Artistic Practice" by Annette Gilbert.
- 3. "The Artist's Photobook: A Compendium" by Andrew Roth.
- 4. "How to Make a Photobook" by Martin Parr and Gerry Badger.
- 5. "Photobook Phenomenon" edited by Markus Schaden and Frederic Lezmi.
- 6. "The Photobook in Art and Society" edited by Moritz Neumüller and Lesley A. Martin.
- 7. Various scholarly articles in photography and art history journals that analyze specific photobooks or the broader cultural significance of photobooks.

To find the most recent photobook studies, I recommend searching academic databases such as JSTOR, Google Scholar, or your university's library catalog for the latest publications. You can use keywords like "photobook," "photography," "visual culture," and "art history" to refine your search. Additionally, you may want to consult experts in the field or attend photography and art history conferences to learn about the latest research in photobook studies.

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There are many photobook studies published in the last decade, covering various topics, genres, regions, and formats of photobooks. Here are some examples of photobook studies from different sources:

- For Kids Only?! Exploring Photobooks for Children, by Vreni Hockenjos and Thomas Wiegand. This book examines the history and development of photobooks for children, from the early 20th century to the present day. It features over 200 examples of photobooks from different countries and cultures, as well as interviews with authors, illustrators, publishers, and experts. The book was published in 2023 by Kehrer Verlag and was also exhibited at the Photobook Week Aarhus.
- The Library within the Library: Photobooks on Architecture vs. Architecture Books with Photographs, by Rolf Sachsse. This book explores the relationship between photography and architecture, focusing on how photobooks present and interpret architectural spaces and forms. It includes a selection of photobooks from the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as essays by architects, photographers, historians, and critics. The book was published in 2023 by Spector Books and was also exhibited at the Aarhus School of Architecture.
- Photonovels, by Frédérique Deschamps and Olubukola Gbadegesin. This book traces the history and evolution of photonovels, a hybrid genre that combines photography and comics. It showcases a variety of photonovels from different regions and periods, such as Latin America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. It also analyzes the social, cultural, and political implications of photonovels as a form of popular culture and visual storytelling. The book was published in 2023 by Editions Bessard and was also exhibited at the Dokk1 Library.
- A review of the last 10 years of photobook studies, by Jose Luis Neves. This article provides an overview of the main trends, themes, and debates in photobook studies in the last decade. It discusses how photobook studies have emerged as a multidisciplinary field that engages with various aspects of photobook production, circulation, reception, and interpretation. It also highlights some of the challenges and opportunities for future research in photobook studies. The article was published in 2023 in the journal Photography & Culture.

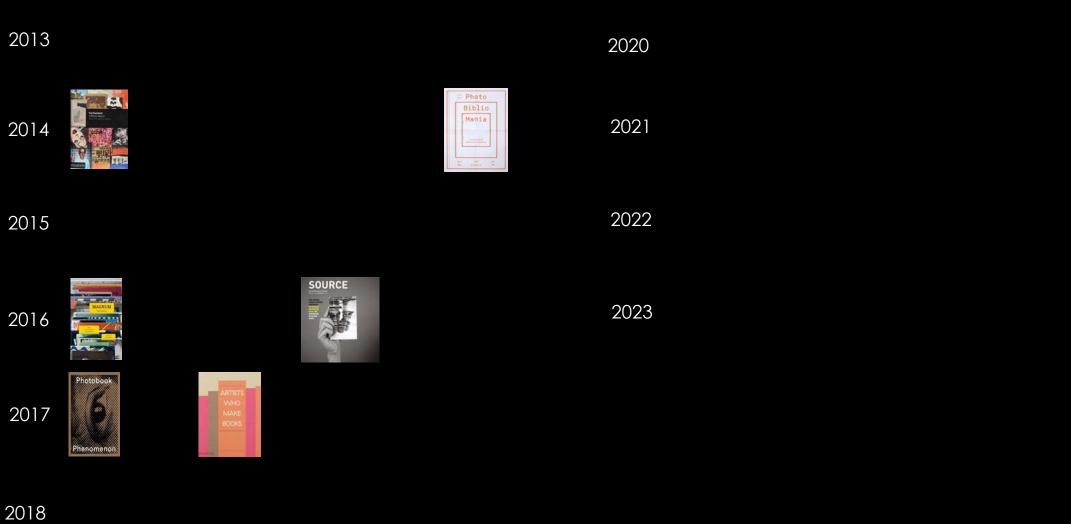




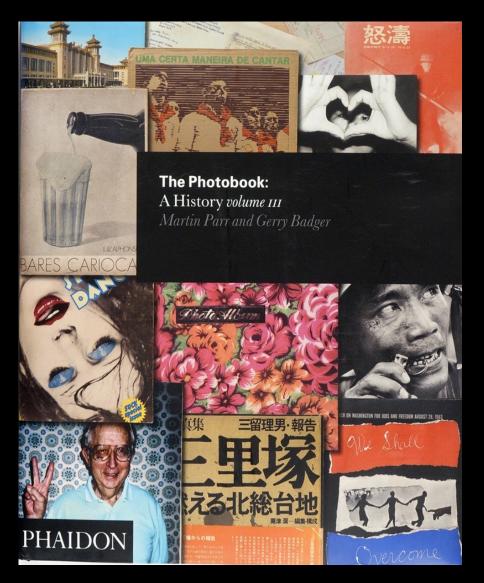
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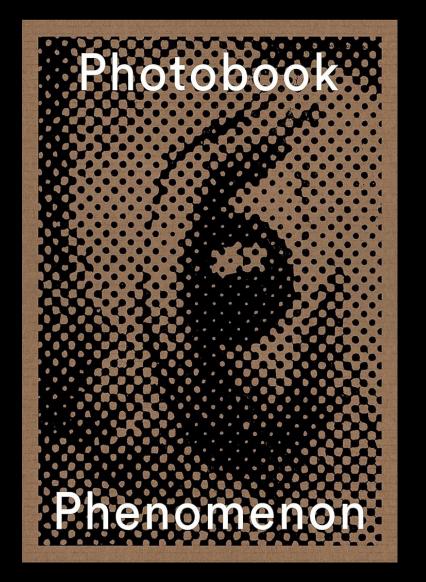
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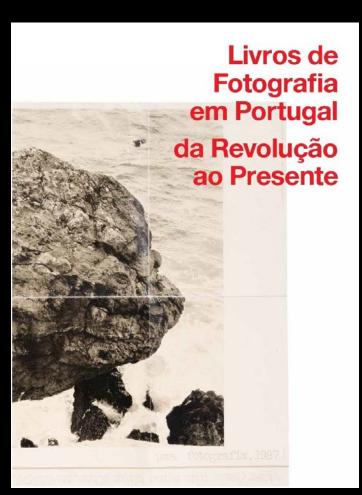


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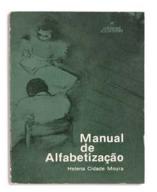


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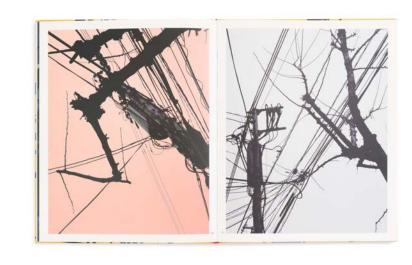


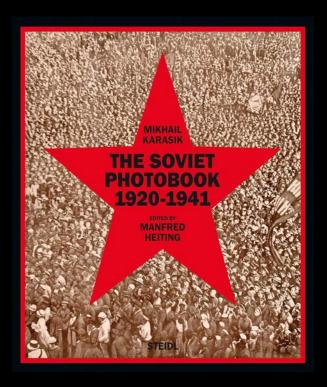


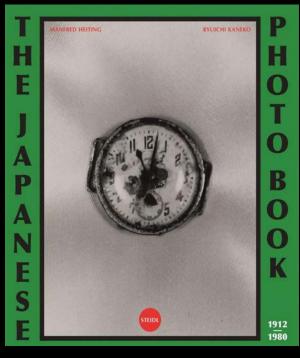


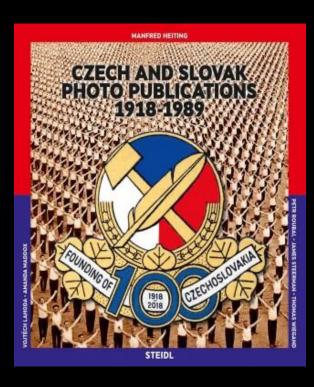






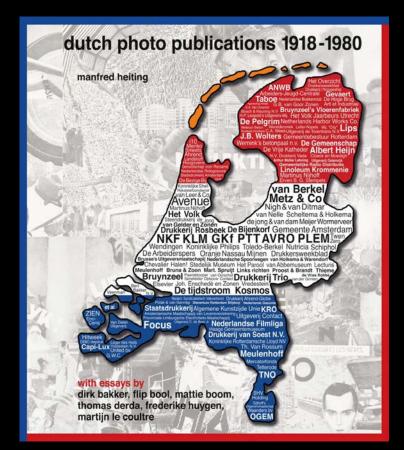




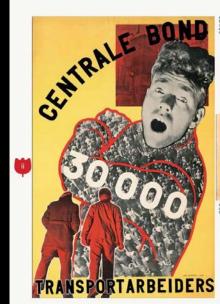




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Manfred Heiting – Dutch Photo Publications: 1918-1980 (2023)





and neutral: it draws with speed and not lie; it reaches the speed of 1/1000 second or more. (...) It is the opposite of craftsmanship. Craftsmanship is related to oldfashioned working methods and as crafted form manufactured by a machine is still not a mechanical form." Paul Schultema (1897-1973) wrote these words in about 1930, it the galley proofs of an extensive to on 'Typo-Foto-Montage' for a brochure by the Rotterdam printer produced.

kind played a key role in various artistic disciplines between the two world wars and have continued to influence design in our daily lives. The same applies to architecture. latter, we see that the foundations of

today were laid in the 1920s. Internationally, visual artists at the time were discovering the field of graphic design as a way of genuinely occupying a place in the production process alongside their architect friends. Instead of using traditional visual media, they turned to the camera, although they still needed to master the possibilities it offered.

Despite the relatively limited communication channels, remarkably intense contacts arose between avant-garde artists in different European Netherlands in 1923, during the Erste Russische Kunstausstellung (First Russian Art Exhibition) that was shown at the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam after the Galerie Van Diemen in Berlin. One of the people he met during this visit was Piet Zwart (1885-1977), to whom he taught the photogram technique. Photograms are shadow images made

the typotects, piet zwart and paul schuitema





Schaffende with the comment: das Ganze ist von bezaubernder Schönheit' ('the whole thing is enchantingly beautiful').

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Kabelfabriek in Delft, his biggest

client between 1923 and 1933. It was an eye-catching way of showing how an electricity cable was

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High ionization current' with a vertically stretched letter "H" and

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"Good luck - do your best. Let them see who you are. Bye." These are the final words that Ed van der Elsken speaks, looking straight into the camera, in his last film. Bye, shortly 1990. In a career spanning over 42 years, this Amsterdam photographe and filmmaker took tens of thousand of black and white photographs as well as many in color. From the 1950s onwards, he also made many films. some of which were highly personal Thus, his words also seem to reveal because besides leaving behind a huge body of work, published

extensively in Holland and many other countries - "you do have to put the hours in" - Ed van der Elsken also reveals himself in that work in various ways. He does so by frequently engaging in dialogue with the people he photographed or filmed in the street, so as viewers we often see the expressions that were intended for Ed van der Elsken on the faces of his subjects. He also filmed nd photographed himself with a certain regularity - as my artists do - in various positions and frames of mind. early, he also reveals himself in his choice of subject matter and, last but not least, in the personal captions and commentaries he added to his photos and films.

Ed (Eduard) van der Elsken was born in Amsterdam in 1925. He decided to learn photography in the years

ed van der elsken's unique vision



along with Paul Huf (1924-2002) and Carel Blazer (1911-Dick Elflers (1910-1990) and Juriaan Schooler (1926. 1990), architects and other artists: it was a unique organizational form, unknown outside the Netherlands where people from various professions could contact each other easily to take on assignments together. After his period in Paris. Ed van der Elsken would benefit from in the fifties, sixties and even later. He worked alone or books made by highly competent designers for companies such as Hoogovens, Concordia life insurance, the dairy

Assisted by established

photographers such as Emmy

Andriesse (1914-1953), Ad Windig

(1912-1996) - in whose studio he lived and worked at the time, and Kriin Taconis (1918-1979), he

succeeded in being admitted

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Arts), which had been founded just after the Second World War.

















cooperative CCF, De Jong & Van Dam N.V. and Philips, to [Guillaume Cornelis van Beverloo] (1922-2010), and often written by poets and writers of greater or lesser renown. In other words, this was a specifically Dutch 'construction' that led to the production of many well-designed 'company photobooks' in the decades following the war.

other young artists from the Netherlands - and many other countries, incidentally - the French capital was absolutely the place to be in the post-war years. Painters such as Karel Appel (1928-2009) and Corneille



Rudy Kousbroek (1929-2010), also moved to Paris. He became friends with Appel during their stay in the city. He would photograph the painter many times over the years, and even made short films about him: De Appe (Karel Appel, Composer), 1961. Photographs by van Probably his most evocative publication with Appel, Musique Barbare, 1963, was an LP of compositions b the painter accompanied by a 30-page booklet of black and-white photos showing Appel during the recording of





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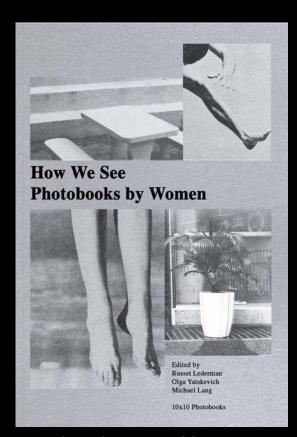








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Carmen Winant's, My Birth, is driven by a gnostic definition of feminism in which knowledge and agency over one's body is power. Created when the artist was pregnant with her second child, My Birth harvests a fecundity of images of glowing pregnant ladies (including some of her own mother), of women bearing down in labor, and of blood and baby heads crowning their way into the world. The beauty and the terrors of pregnancy are writ large from image-to-image, showing women at their most vulnerable and also at the apex of their physical powers. Through densely packed pages of photographs unfettered by captions or context, My Birth pushes the inherently primal nature of women giving birth back into the forefront of our consciousness and sight lines. Winant's collection of over 2,000 images challenges the viewer to engage and acknowledge this most quintessential human act, while also asking why it is one that is so often obscured from "polite conversation." In many ways, My Birth picks-up the baton from Abigail Heyman's Growing up female, and updates her concerns through a contemporary approach to image-making that reinforces an unabashed pleasure of looking and a confident, self-identified feminist manifesto.



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JULIA MARGARET CAMERON

Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" and Other Poems











Working Women: A Portrait of South Africa's Black Women Workers





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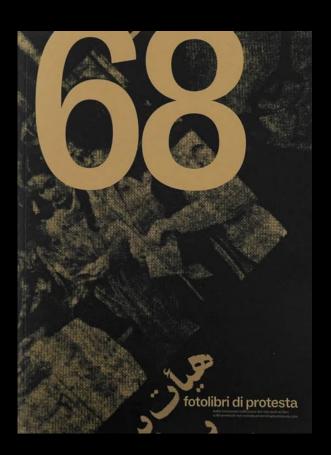
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Caterina De Pietri (Editor) – Artphilein Dossier 4 - Against Power and Privileges: Women's Voices (2023)



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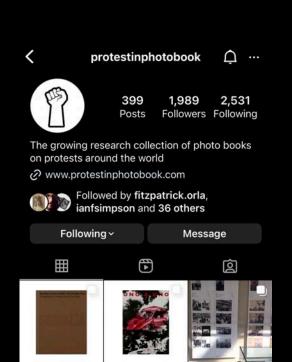
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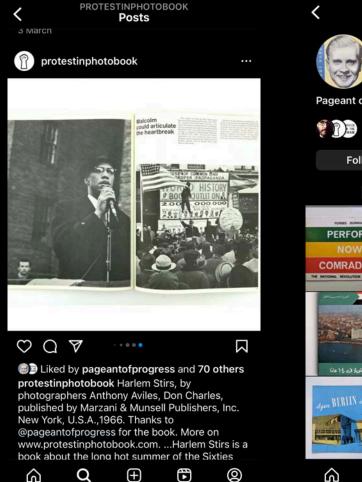
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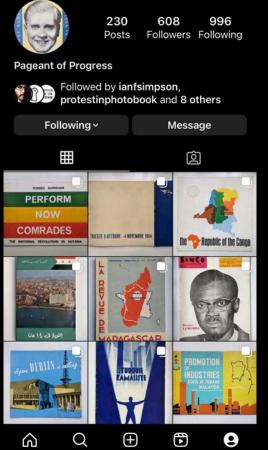
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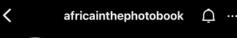
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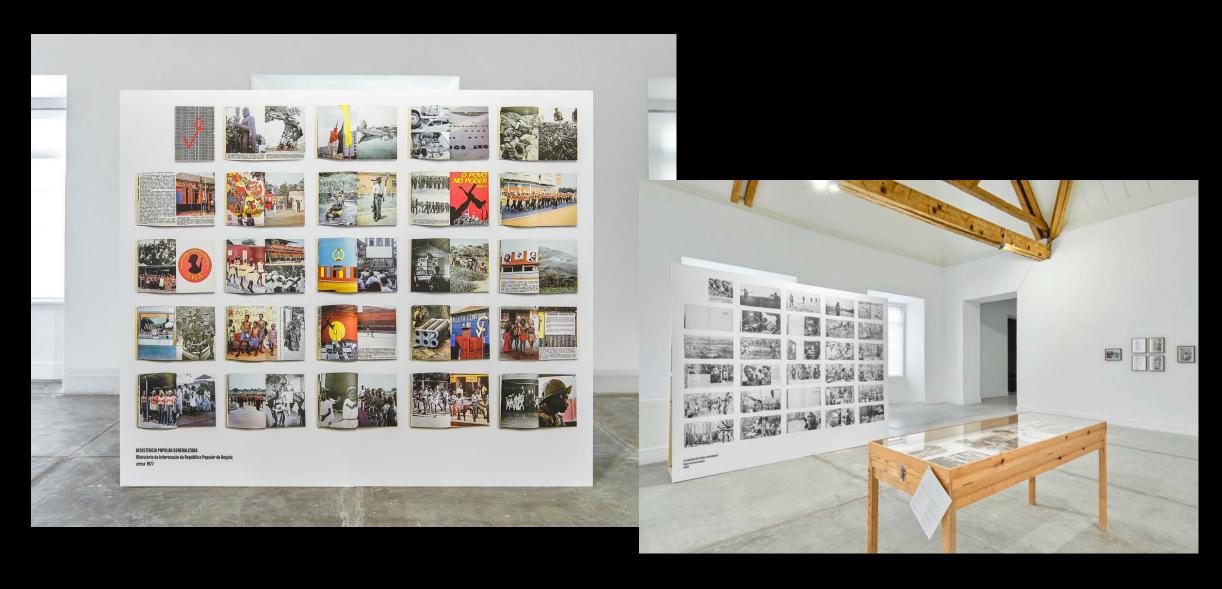
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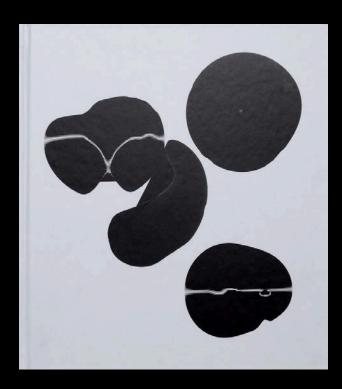




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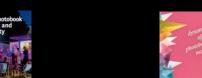




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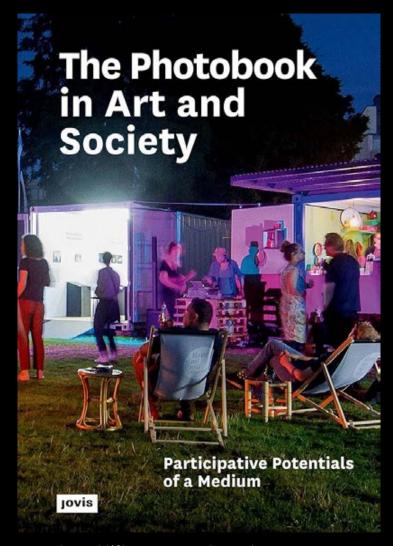




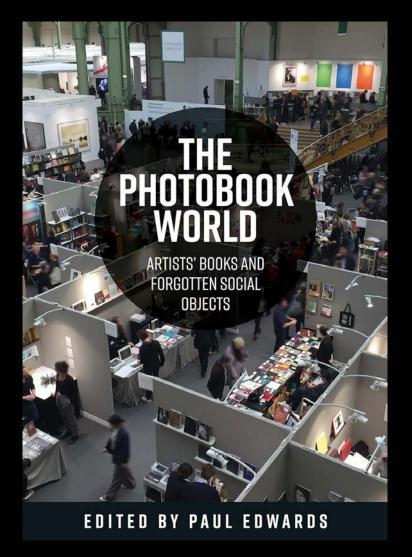




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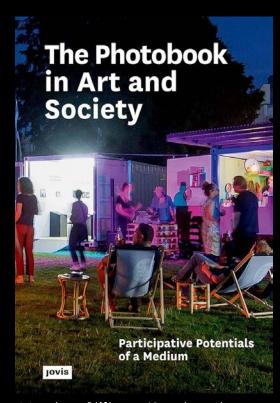


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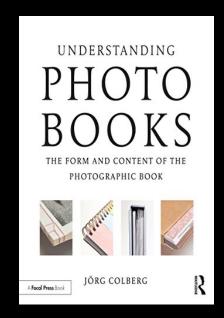
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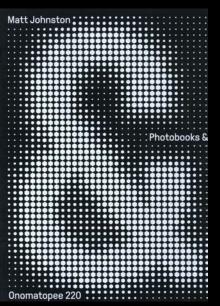
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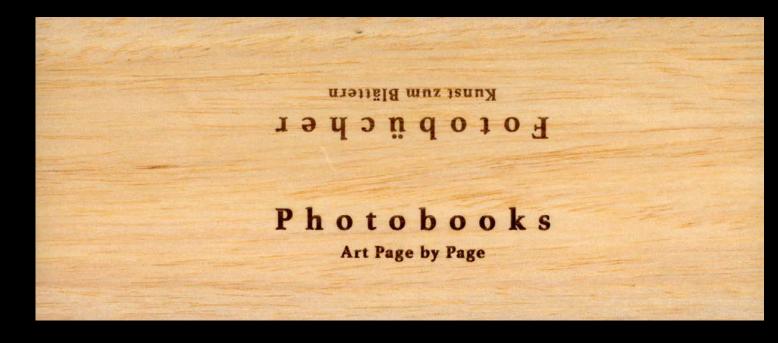
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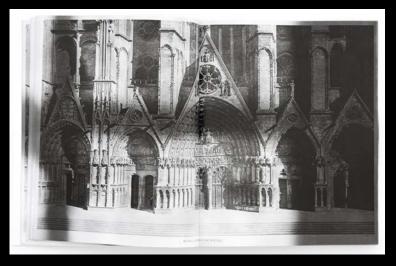
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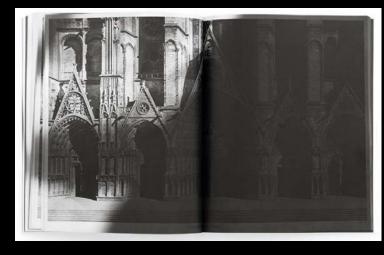
Films have always had an eye on books, but books have been staring right back at them, fascinated by the modern flair, the power and the light of cinema. Books on film come in many different shapes and forms. There are academic books on film history, film theory and film analysis. There are richly illustrated books on specific films, including entire film scripts and numerous film stills. And there are more ambitious books that try to translate an integral film into the format of a book. But what does it mean to conceive a book as if it were a film? Or more accurately: what does a book look like that acts like a film, thinks like a film, feels like a film, but that remains at all times itself, a book, a so-called 'bioscopic book'?

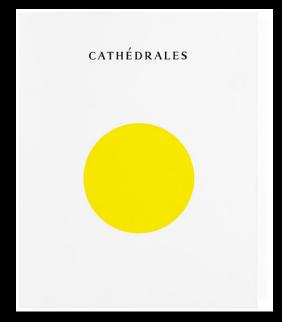
El Lissitzky (1890-1941) launched the term 'bioscopic book' in his 1923 manifesto *The Topography of Typography* in which he advocated the reinvention of the traditional book. He borrowed the term 'Bioscop' from the film projector invented by the Skladanowsky Brothers in 1895. In the pre-cinema era, the word 'bioscope' – combining the Greek bio (life) with scope (an instrument for viewing) – was used for both camera devices and set-ups to watch films. In some languages, the word is still used as a variation on the term film theater (in Dutch for example older generations will say that they go to the 'bioscop' to watch a movie). When El Lissitzky spoke of bioscopic books, he envisioned books that approached the viewing experience of cinema by using the strategies of films as well as their own book-specific parameters to make things move.

The Bioscopic Books exhibition brought together books from past and present that explore their bioscopic potential and experiment with new possibilities to generate form and meaning, both in words and through images. As cinema, books are structured sequentially, inevitably suggesting a narrative and needing strategies to control time, time duration and time span. However, books are – unlike most films after 1929 – silent and they have their unique visual features such as a cover, a margin and pages that can be turned. Their readers are also more active in that they can choose where to start reading, when to stop and how much time they spend with an image or a page.

It was precisely in that active reading and in the continuous succession of pages that El Lissitzky saw opportunities for the bioscopic book. He saw the book as an alternative machine to set things in motion, a device or 'apparatus' operated by the reader. By reconsidering its typography, layout and space, a book could transform from a dead object into a living work of art. Before Lissitzsky suggested as much, at the turn of the century, the French poet Stéphane Mallarmé (1842-1898) already experimented with movement on the pages of the book in his poem *Un coup de dés jamais n'abolira le hasard* from 1897. He focused on the movement of his typography, but also on the movement of the reader who goes back and forth between images, layouts and subjects.











Laurence Aëgerter – Cathédrales (Paris, 2014)

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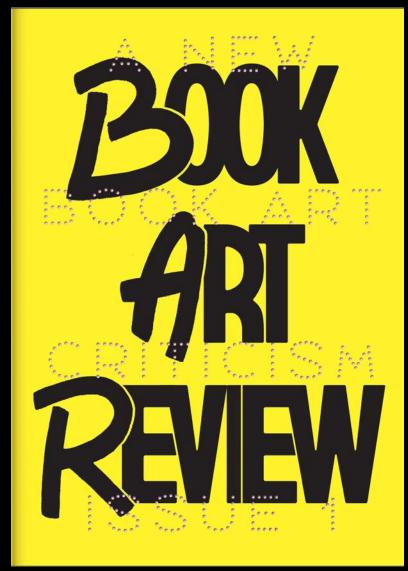


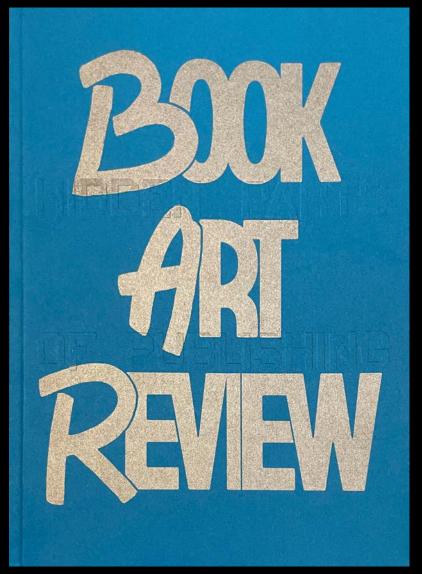






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