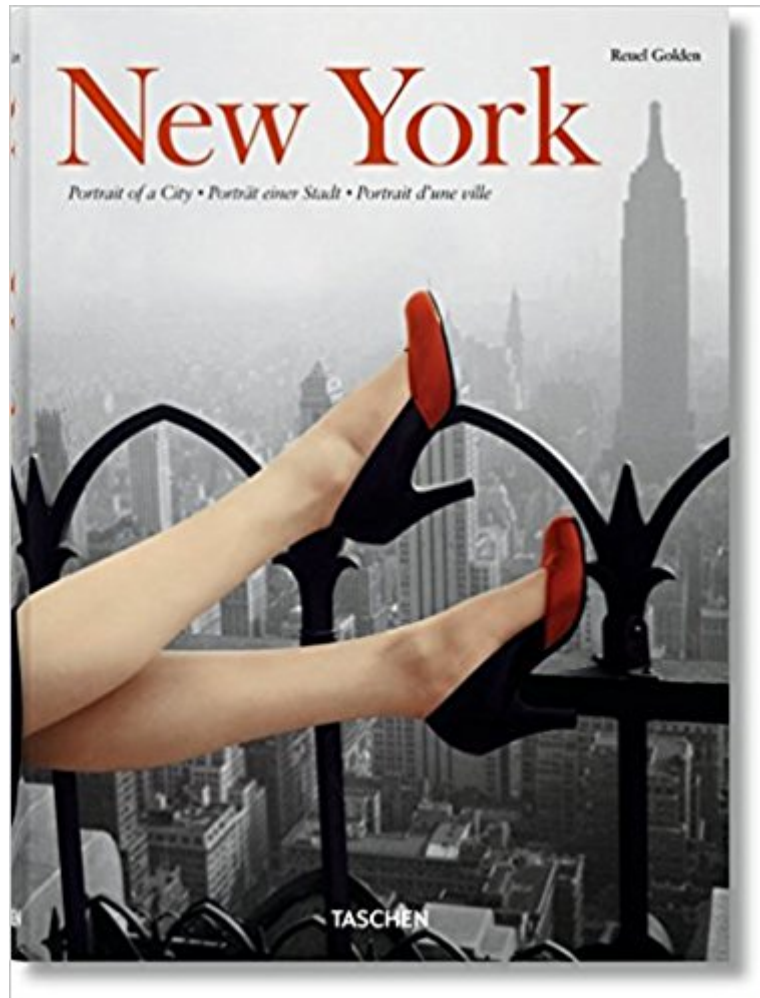




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New York: Portrait Of A City



Synopsis

The soul of New York: A photographic journey through the history of the world's greatest city

Â This book presents the epic story of New York on nearly 600 pages of emotional, atmospheric photographs, from the mid-19th century to the present day. Supplementing this treasure trove of images are over a hundred quotations and references from relevant books, movies, shows and songs. The city's fluctuating fortunes are all represented, from the wild nights of the Jazz Age and the hedonistic disco era, to the grim days of the Depression and the devastation of 9/11 and its aftermath, as its broken-hearted but unbowed citizens picked up the pieces. New York's remarkable rise, reinvention and growth is not just the tale of a city, but the story of a nation, From the building of the Brooklyn Bridge to the immigrants arriving at Ellis Island; from the slums of the Lower East Side to the magnificent art deco skyscrapers. The urban beach of Coney Island and the sleaze of Times Square; the vistas of Central Park and the crowds on 5th Avenue. The streets, the sidewalks, the chaos, the energy, the ethnic diversity, the culture, the fashion, the architecture, the anger and the complexity of the city is all laid out in this beautiful book block and block. This is the greatest city of the world after all and great are its extremes, contradictions and attitude. More than just a remarkable tribute to the metropolis and its civic, social, and photographic heritage, New York: Portrait of a City pays homage to the indomitable spirit of those who call themselves New Yorkers: full of hope and strength, resolute in their determination to succeed among its glass and granite towers. Features hundreds of iconic images, sourced from dozens of archives and private collections "many never before published" and the work of over 150 celebrated photographers, including: Victor Prevost, Jacob Riis, Lewis Hine, Alfred Stieglitz, Paul Strand, Berenice Abbott, Walker Evans, Weegee, Margaret Bourke-White, Saul Leiter, Esther Bubley, Arnold Newman, William Claxton, Ralph Gibson, Ryan McGinley, Mitch Epstein, Steve Schapiro, Marvin Newman, Allen Ginsberg, Joel Meyerowitz, Andreas Feininger, Charles Cushman, Joseph Rodriguez, Garry Winogrand, Larry Fink, Jamel Shabazz, Allan Tannenbaum, Bruce Davidson, Helen Levitt, Eugene de Salignac, Ruth Orkin, Joel Sternfeld, Keizo Kitajima, and many many more. Â Text in English, French, and German

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Reuel Golden graduated in politics from the University of Sussex, England, and is the former editor of the British Journal of Photography and executive editor at Photo District News. He has edited various titles for TASCHEN including Her Majesty, Harry Benson: The Beatles, and the New York and London editions of the Portrait of a City series.

Whether you live in NYC or whether you love the city from afar, the selection of photos in this book is superb. Reuel Golden chose carefully, including photos from well-known photographers as well as relative unknowns. Some of the photos are easily recognized, but others feature different sights in this "photographers' paradise" city. I also love the graphic illustrations, as they truly add to the overall enjoyment. As an aside, the book is quite hefty - but that's all to the better, given the extensive contents.

Absolute must have for a New Yorker, former New York or just for library. I am EXTREMELY pleased to have purchased this book. Close to 500 pages of wonderful picture from the 1930's to present.

Great picks

Love this wonderful "Table Book", photographs are most unique and beautiful, in depicting the history and spirit of my special city. The information and quotations, add to the experience of visiting and feeling the pulse of the growth and wonders of the awesome, New York City!!!! I often give this book as a gift to family and friends.

Love this book, incredible price for it. Quintessential archive of classic NY photos. Arrived promptly at Xmas time, much appreciated.

I could not put this boook down! The pacing conveys the drama and frenetic energy of the city through the last century and a half, and manages to be both photogrphic and social history at once. While not shying away from documenting the city's well-known rough edges (particularly during the crisis years of the 70s), I also found the book to convey a deep respect and love for New York. Love it!

Very high quality. Great pictures, multi lingual. Have not read all the content but am very pleased thus far.

Bought this for my dad as a gift. He grew up in upstate NY and loved the book. Good composition of images and excellent arrangement. I was surprised at the image quality and huge physical size. Just perfect!

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