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Slim Aarons: Once Upon A Time



Synopsis

From the end of World War II through the 1980s, Aarons photographed the rich and famous, the beautiful and the celebrated: Hollywood royalty, European aristocracy, the grande dames of high society, captains of industry, media moguls, statesmen and stars of every sort. Though upholding the glamorous image of wealth, power, talent and beauty, he saw himself as a journalist whose duty it was to inform, and this led him to develop the environmental portrait - photographs of his subjects at home, at work, at play and mingling with each other. This type of portrait has influenced a generation of photojournalists whose work can be seen in today's lifestyle magazines. This volume shows Aarons photographs of the international elite in their exclusive playgrounds during the jet-set decades of the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

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Customer Reviews

I was so disappointed. This book is about 80% material that was previously published in a much classier book, *A Wonderful Time*. Readers lucky enough to have the earlier book should not waste their money on this rehash.

ONCE UPON A TIME is an apropos title for this photomontage of a book. Slim Aarons has the enviable job as a photographer of capturing the rich and famous in their haunts around the world. Now that doesn't seem like a worthy topic for a book, especially now that the factions between the rich and not rich are taking a lot of space in the media. But taking this book as a memento of a time lost, a time when leisure meant beautiful places, elegant food and drink and fashion, passages to

spas such as Portofino just for the beauty of the views, turning the pages of this book with that state of mind results in some lovely reveries of how things used to be. Slim Aarons followed the genteel folk around the globe and while his 'portraits' are not the usual stiff and staid formats, his glimpses of people within the environs is unparalleled. For many the views of the scenery, landscapes, seascapes, wondrous architecture, the concert halls, all captured in alluring light, will be the highlight of this volume. The overall feeling of browsing through Aarons' memoir-like photographs is one of traveling back in time, almost with a fairytale like imagery. For armchair historians, sociologists, and lovers of foreign places this book will satisfy. Though the locales depicted herein still exist (for the most part) they were never as romantically inclined as Aarons makes them. Grady Harp, February 06

I'm kinda getting addicted to this Slim Aarons now. This is such a gorgeous big coffee table book! This is my second book by him and I enjoy reading how he came to be a photographer of the rich, famous and privileged. His photographs are history itself, what with film stars, royalty, presidents, etc... being captured on film. The photos are still just as beautiful and colorful and have lost none of their luster over the years. Timeless!

First off the print quality isn't great. This was mentioned in a review for another Aarons book. But it's still a book you can get lost in. Also, be forewarned there are topless chicks. So, not office appropriate-- it was purchased for a reception area-- but I remedied it with some make-shift bikinis fashioned from washi tape. Check out my tutorial on YouTube.

Enjoyable reprint which gives a look at the charms, lifestyle, beauties and characters of about a half century ago..looks as if some of the photos from the original edition were not included, but not sure. Aarons is a bold and creative photographer, that's for sure. Thanks.

This book, along with Aarons others are must-haves for those searching for the perfect hostess gift for the perfect hostess! They offer a glimpse into a bygone era of privilege and elegance. I order them in multiples. The quality is top notch, and the books are unavailable in stores. They are unique, and always appreciated.

I enjoyed this beautiful book full of photos from celebrities to royalty. When you review these delightful photos you really feel like you are living the lifestyle of the rich and famous. Thank you Slim

for bring the world such a glorious book!

This book is amazing - you feel as if you are part of the scenery when looking at the pictures. Flipping through the pages is better than a spa visit. Slim Aron really was an extraordinary talent he made photographs of REAL life - wow!

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