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New Queer photography, by Benjamin Wolbergs

This meticulously researched book edited by Berlin-based Benjamin Wolbergs seeks to refocus the lens on contemporary queer life. Through the work of 40 documentary and fine art photographers, it highlights the breadth of sexualities, beyond taboos and societal constraints. Through striking visual storytelling, homosexuality, drag culture, gender roles, and transsexuality are explored as well as the rise of a young and active queer photography scene fuelled by social media. Four years in the works, the book is a playful and impassioned celebration of queer culture, and a critique of mainstream attitudes which, although appear to increasingly embrace gay, lesbian and transgender lives, can still result in marginalisation, isolation, and violence. It's an exploration of private and public desires, eroticism, liberated and limitless sexualities, and the power of art to capture the evolution and contradictions of queer perceptions. Featured emerging and established photographers include Florian Hetz, Damien Blottière and Dustin Thierry. €58,00

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