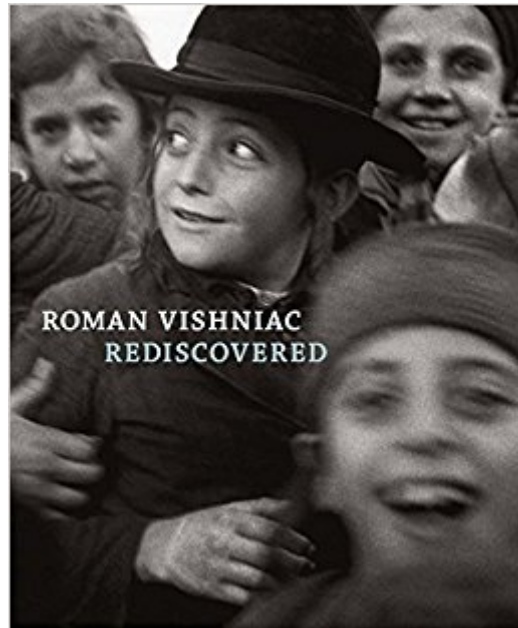




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Roman Vishniac Rediscovered



Synopsis

Emphasizing Roman Vishniac's prodigious talents as one of the great documentary photographers of the 20th century, this volume presents the full range of his artistic genius. Drawn from the International Center of Photography's vast holdings of work by Roman Vishniac (1897–1990), this generously illustrated and expansive volume offers a new and profound consideration of this key modernist photographer. In addition to featuring Vishniac's best-known work—the iconic images of Jewish life in Eastern Europe before the Holocaust—this publication also introduces many previously unpublished photographs spanning more than six decades of Vishniac's work. These include newly discovered images of prewar Berlin, rare film footage from rural Jewish communities in Carpathian Ruthenia, documentation of postwar ruins and Displaced Persons camps, and vivid coverage of Jewish life in America in the 1940s and 1950s. Essays by world-renowned scholars of photography, Jewish history and culture address these new findings and consider them in the context of modernist tendencies in Berlin in the 1920s and 1930s; the rise of Nazi power in Germany and Eastern Europe; the uses of social documentary photography for relief organizations; the experiences of exile, displacement, and assimilation; and the impact of Vishniac's pioneering scientific research in color photomicroscopy in the 1950s and 1960s. This first retrospective monograph on Roman Vishniac offers many new perspectives on the work and career of this important photographer, positioning him as one of the great modernists and social documentary photographers of the last century.

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"Including both recognized and previously unpublished photographs, Roman Vishniac Rediscovered is the first retrospective of the modernist and social documentary photographer's work. This well-done, comprehensive study of Vishniac's photographic work includes images of pre-Holocaust Jewish life in eastern Europe, the Nazi rise to power, postwar Europe, displaced persons camps, Jewish life in the U.S. in the 1940s and 50s, and colour photomicroscopy." — "Photo Life" It's an impressive coffee-table book of nearly 400 pages brimming with evocative black-and-white photographs and thoughtful essays. The photographs in Roman Vishniac Rediscovered are eclectic. Pedestrians fill a crowded Jewish shopping district in Warsaw. A man steers a horse-drawn cart. A vendor hawks goods. An ultra-Orthodox Jew strolls on a cobblestone street. Boys study in a yeshiva. Beyond these iconic images, penetrating photographs portray pre-war Paris, Berlin in the aftermath of World War II, the arrival of Jewish refugees in DP camps and New York City. . . . Roman Vishniac Rediscovered pays homage to a dedicated and talented photographer whose imperishable photographs of Europe and America leave an indelible impression in our hearts and minds." — Sheldon Kirshner Finalist for the 2016 Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards.

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This brilliant book contains over 500 images, most of which have never before been published. The color work is amazing. The accompanying essays address a broad variety of topics related to this seminal photographer's career, from post-war America to Chinatown to modernism in Weimar Germany. It is a lavish and elegantly designed volume that makes a significant contribution to the history of photography. After reading this book, the reader will understand why Roman Vishniac has been the buzz of the photographic art world in recent years. This is easily the most beautiful and erudite photography book I have ever purchased.

A beautifully realized book of lives lived and past with images that evoke those lives

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I also own "A Vanished World", but the collection of photos in this book is absolutely *superb* (also extensive) and the write-up is excellent.

With the amount of new images and scholarly information, this book is essential in not only the Vishniac but post war photography cannon.

I would not recommend this collection of photos as it is basically the same as those previously printed. In addition, it is quite large in size and quite heavy to hold!

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