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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

There have been many Marilyn Monroe photo books—but nothing like this.

Curator and photographic preservationist David Wills has amassed one of the world's largest independent archives of original Marilyn Monroe photographs. Now, in *Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis*, he has gathered spectacular, museum-quality work from Marilyn's key photographers—Richard Avedon, George Barris, Cecil Beaton, Bernard of Hollywood, Andre de Dienes, Elliott Erwitt, Milton Greene, Philippe Halsman, Tom Kelley, Douglas Kirkland, Willy Rizzo, Sam Shaw, and many others—to create this dazzling portfolio of images from every period of Marilyn Monroe's adult life, from her wedding day in 1942 till just weeks before her death two decades later. *Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis* pays homage to her continually evolving style and extraordinary beauty.

Among the highlights:

- Previously unseen Kodachrome, dye transfer, and Carbro prints of Norma Jeane from her modeling career.
- Classic portraits and pinups in luscious full color, digitally restored from the original transparencies.
- Never-before-seen photos from the sets of *The Seven Year Itch*, *Some Like It Hot*, *The Misfits*, and *Something's Got to Give*.
- Rare candids of Marilyn with Marlon Brando, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Queen Elizabeth II, Joe DiMaggio, Arthur Miller, and others.
- Previously unpublished photos by Richard Avedon, George Barris, Cecil Beaton, David Conover, Elliott Erwitt, John Florea, Tom Kelley, Richard C. Miller, Frank Powolny, Willy Rizzo, Zinn Arthur, and many others.

Pairing more than two hundred first-generation photos with reflections on Marilyn from her friends, work associates, and admirers—and including her last interview, in which she reflects on her life and fame—*Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis* is an unforgettable showcase of the actress's transformation from an unknown factory worker to one of the most recognized faces in history.

About the Author

Australian-born David Wills is an author, independent curator, photographic preservationist, and editor who has accrued one of the world's largest independent archives of original photographs, negatives, and transparencies. He has contributed material to many publications and museums, including the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Phoenix Art Museum, and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Wills has produced a series of photography exhibitions based on images from his archive. His shows include *Murder, Models, Madness: Photographs from the Motion Picture Blow-Up*; *Edie Sedgwick: Unseen Photographs of a Warhol Superstar*; *Blonde Bombshell*; *James Bond*; *Women with Issues: Photographs from the Motion Picture Valley of the Dolls*; and *Warhology*.

Wills's books include *Ara Gallant*; *Marilyn Monroe: Metamorphosis*; *Audrey: The 60s*; *Hollywood in Kodachrome*; and *Seventies Glamour*. He is also the co-author of *Veruschka*.

His books and exhibitions have received major profiles in the *Los Angeles Times*, the *New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *American Photo*, *Vogue*, *Interview*, and *Time*. He has also written articles on photography and popular culture for publications including the *Huffington Post*, *V Magazine*, and *Palm Springs Life*.

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