Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers 1840 to the Present

By Willis, Deborah

W. W. Norton & Company, 2002. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: A triumphant celebration of family, endurance, spirituality, and the diverse range of the black experience over the last two centuries, Reflections in Black overturns many common ideas about black life during the last century and a half, and through its sheer power and beauty rewrites American history itself. Reflections in Black, the first comprehensive history of black photographers, is Deborah Willis's long-awaited, groundbreaking assemblage of photographs of African American life from 1840 to the present. Willis, a curator of photography at the Smithsonian Institution, has selected nearly 600 stunning photographs, with 487 in duotone and 81 in full color, of which more than 100 images have never before been seen. As this panoramic saga unfolds, we are given rich, hugely moving glimpses of African American life, from the last generation of slaves to the urban pioneers of the great migrations of the 1920s, from rare antebellum daguerreotypes of freemen to the courtly celebrants of the Harlem Renaissance, from civil rights martyrs to postmodern photographic artists of the 1990s. Each photograph suggests an astonishing, often spellbinding story. Augustus Washington's mid-nineteenth-century portraits of African...
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A brief history of photography timeline is all about the discussion on the photography history from the ancient age to the modern age, Obscura to dslr, analog to digital and Nicéphore Niépce to Alfred Stieglitz. Photographs in past were the reflection of life that the people in different eras live and breathe. The journey of photography is fascinating and demands to go into great details. Photography had become familiar as a form of art at the 1840s. Before that, almost 10 years ago, at the 1830s, photography invented. The photographer himself can manipulate a lot with the contents present in from the lens. Eventually, due to his restless efforts, photographs of different exhibitions started to be in judgment by photographers apart from artists. Felix Nadar.

Film Review: “Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People”. This polished docu chronicles the ‘hidden images’ captured by black photographers over 170 years. By Dennis Harvey. Written by Harris, Don Perry, Paul Carter Harrison, inspired by the book "Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers, 1840 to the Present" by Deborah Willis. Camera (color/B&W, HD), Martina Radwan; editors, K.A. Millie, Matthew Cohn; music, Vernon Reid, Miles Jay; sound, J.T. Takagi, Juan Rodriguez; supervising sound editor/re-recording mixer/sound designer, Kent Brown.