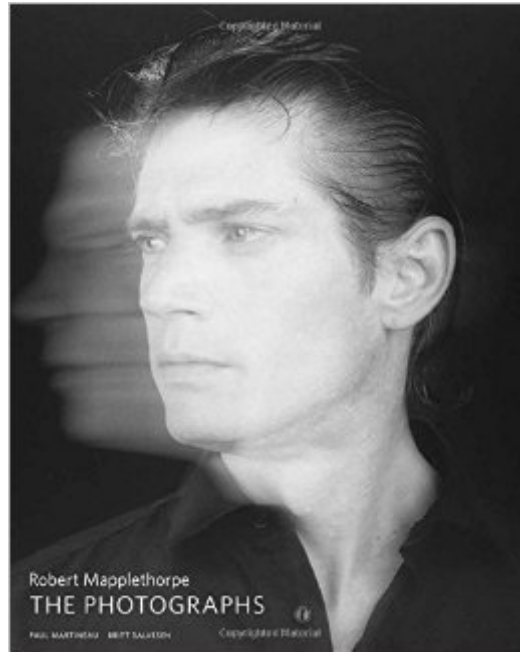


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# Robert Mapplethorpe: The Photographs



## Synopsis

The legacy of Robert Mapplethorpe (1946 – 1989) is rich and complicated, triggering controversy, polarizing critics, and providing inspiration for many artists who followed him. Mapplethorpe, one of the most influential figures of his time, today stands as an example to emerging photographers who continue to experiment with the boundaries and concepts of the beautiful. *Robert Mapplethorpe: The Photographs* offers a timely and rewarding examination of his oeuvre and influence. Drawing from the extraordinary collection jointly acquired in 2011 by the J. Paul Getty Museum and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from The Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation, as well as the Mapplethorpe Archive housed at the Getty Research Institute, the authors were given the unique opportunity to explore new resources and present fresh perspectives. The result is a fascinating introduction to Mapplethorpe's career and legacy, accompanied by a rich selection of illustrations covering the remarkable range of his photographic work. All of these beautifully integrated elements contribute to what promises to become an essential point of access to Mapplethorpe's work and practice. This publication is issued on the occasion of the exhibition *Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Medium* on view at both the J. Paul Getty Museum and at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from March 15 and March 20, respectively, through July 31, 2016; at the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal from September 10, 2016, through January 15, 2017; and at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, from October 28, 2017, through February 4, 2018.

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This book is the catalog the the comprehensive retrospective of Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs being held at two museums, the Getty and LACMA both in Los Angeles. Robert Mapplethorpe: The Photographs does an excellent job of covering his entire output and explaining the background and context for his different bodies of work. There are numerous photos in black & white and color beautifully printed in a sturdy hardcover presentation. If you are looking for your first Mapplethorpe book this is a great place to start. If you already have many of his earlier books I'm not sure you will need this. But for completists this is a refreshing look at Mapplethorpe's career. Highly recommended.

.....still "reviewing" the book as I've recently purchased several on Mapplethorpe including the movie CD of his life with Sam Wagstaff. I did view the movie which I also recommend having. It just helps explain the man....actually both men to some degree. Mapplethorpe was a complicated man....or so it seems through the eyes of books about him and of course his photography. If you're a collector of all things Mapplethorpe this is one for the collection.

A great book which highlights the best of Mapplethorpe's photographs.

Beautiful book, very informative, nice representation of the artist's work.

Beautiful pictures

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