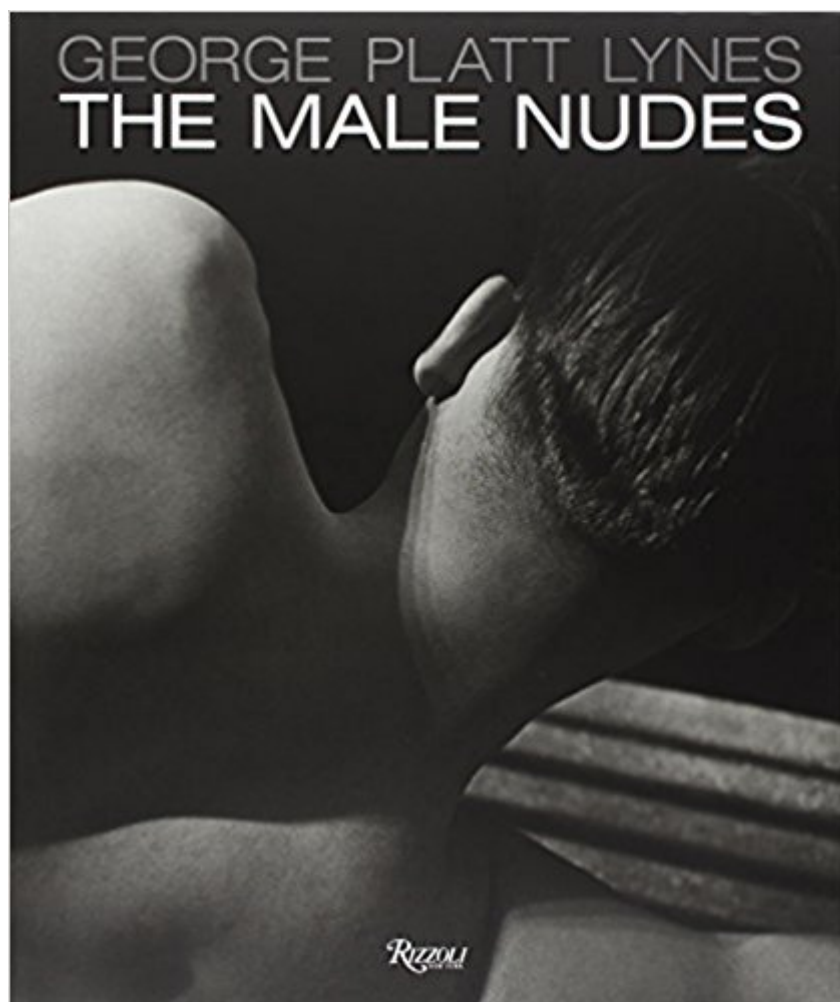


The book was found

# George Platt Lynes: The Male Nudes



## Synopsis

The elegant male nude photographs of George Platt Lynes, many never before published, from a newly discovered archive of negatives. George Platt Lynes was the preeminent celebrity portraitist of his day, shooting for Vogue and Harper's Bazaar and creating distinctive photographs of iconic cultural figures such as Diana Vreeland, Salvador Dalí, and Orson Welles. But he also produced a separate body of work, kept largely hidden during his lifetime: photographs of the male nude. Many of these photos were shot in the studio and, like his fashion and dance work, were painstakingly posed and lit. They have a cinematic allure that evokes 1940s Hollywood and the lost era of New York's café society. Many seem to illustrate some unwritten mythology. Others reveal private obsessions of the photographer, who was always alert to the sculptural qualities of a young man at his most vital. This is the only Platt Lynes book to focus on the male nude images in a comprehensive and carefully considered manner. It is the first book to be published with the cooperation of the artist's estate, which has provided unprecedented access to institutional and private collections, including the Kinsey Institute and the Guggenheim Museum. The result: a trove of unpublished images that are sure to cause a sensation.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 256 pages

Publisher: Rizzoli; First Edition edition (May 3, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0847833747

ISBN-13: 978-0847833740

Product Dimensions: 10.4 x 1.2 x 12.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars See all reviews (23 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #607,490 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #134 in Books > Arts & Photography > Photography & Video > Nude Photography #715 in Books > Arts & Photography > Photography & Video > Portraits #862 in Books > Arts & Photography > Photography & Video > Photojournalism & Essays > Photo Essays

## Customer Reviews

I was happily and enthrallingly fooled. When I purchased this book, I thought it would be basically Lynes's photography with some accompanying essay. I was wrong. Sometimes I love being wrong, I certainly welcome being wrong in this case. This book starts out with a forward by

George's nephew and namesake and then turns into a biography of sorts. Yes, there are definitely photographs, but most pages in the first third are filled with passages from surviving letters, telegrams and notices from various publications and exhibitions. There are much more informal photos mixed in with the portraits, both of others and of George himself. It all begins in the late 1920s when George is about eighteen and moves through his entirely too short life. It moves from there through the Depression and World War II and its aftermath. His circle of friends and colleagues included many names of people I did and most of us would recognize and hold some knowledge of: Gertrude Stein, Alfred Kinsey, Alice Guinzburg, Dorothy Parker and Christopher Isherwood. George had great successes and periods of serious struggle, both personally and professionally. In his photography he experienced the tides of change that always occur in any mode of expression, styles and trends changing. If you don't move with them, it gets tough to make things work. Personally, he may have had a number of lovers to varying degrees of seriousness but it feels like he had two real loves. Unfortunately and fortunately, they arrived and thrived in his life at the same time. His photography is earthbound, even in purposeful pose and setting. He experimented with shadow and light, natural and produced.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

George Platt Lynes: The Male Nudes Splendor, Myth, and Vision: Nudes from the Prado Nudes The Nudes - A Pictorial Celebration of the Sphinx Study of Ebony Skin on Black - Nude Figure Studies of Art Model Vanessa Jeanene - Color and Select Black & White Photography (Vanessa Jeanene's Nudes Book 1) Major Busty: Xena Kai - Busty Lingerie Nudes + Bonus Selfies (Lingerie, Picture Book, College Coed Babe, Swinger Wife, Homemade Amateur Pics) Symone: Studio Nudes Sunshine Nudes (Sexy Adult Picture Book): Pretty Girls Naked Outdoors Nudes on Location: Posing and Lighting for Photographers Ruth Bernhard: The Eternal Body: A Collection of Fifty Nudes Romantic Nudes: Beautifully Dressed Girls Stripping Naked Mariano Vivanco: Portraits Nudes Flowers Art Models: Life Nudes for Drawing Painting and Sculpting Black & White Nudes; Book 1 Uncensored Adult Photo Book: Blonde Erotic Adult Nudes Photography : Nude Photography, XXX, Teens, Hardcore, Erotica, Uncensored Nude Pictures, Erotic Nude Pictures (Nudity Pictures Book 1) Modigliani NUDES Experimental Nudes (Nude Art Beauty 11) (German Edition) 1000 Nudes: A History of Erotic Photography from 1839-1939 King George the Triumphs and Tragedies in the Life of George Strait The Music in George's Head: George Gershwin Creates Rhapsody in Blue

[Dmca](#)