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*The Suffering of Light* is the first comprehensive monograph charting the career of acclaimed American photographer Alex Webb. Gathering some of his most iconic images, many of which were taken in the far corners of the earth, this exquisite book brings a fresh perspective to his extensive catalog. Recognized as a pioneer of American color photography since the 1970s, Webb has consistently created photographs characterized by intense color and light. His work, with its richly layered and complex composition, touches on multiple genres, including street photography, photojournalism, and fine art, but as Webb claims, "to me it all is photography. You have to go out and explore the world with a camera." Webb's ability to distill gesture, color and contrasting cultural tensions into single, beguiling frames results in evocative images that convey a sense of enigma, irony and humor. Featuring key works alongside previously unpublished photographs, *The Suffering of Light* provides the most thorough examination to date of this modern master's prolific, 30-year career.

The photographs of **Alex Webb** (born 1952) have appeared in a wide range of publications, including *The New York Times Magazine*, *Life*, *Stern* and *National Geographic*, and have been exhibited at the International Center of Photography, New York; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; and the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York. He is a recipient of the Leica Medal of Excellence (2000) and the Premio Internacional de Fotografia Alcobendas (2009). A member of Magnum Photos since 1976, Webb lives in New York City.

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## **From Reader Review Alex Webb: The Suffering of Light for online ebook**

### **Scott Loftesness says**

Sam Abell recommended Alex Webb as an innovative photographer - and this book shows why. Webb's current focus is on Cuba (with his wife) and Istanbul - and the bright colors and great compositions are beautiful.

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### **Jonathan Bian says**

Fucking incredible.

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### **Johns says**

Mr. Webb has a wonderful ability to catch compelling patterns in his photography that always include one or more humans to give the picture scale and comprehension. We can relate to the people in the frame as they go about their daily tasks. His mastery of color allows for full saturation combined with underexposed figures whose dark silhouettes add drama to the compositions. This book is a visual treat for the eyes and the soul.

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### **Brett says**

Fantastic retrospective.

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### **Gianfranco Gentile says**

This beautifully printed large volume is a terrific journey through the sublime work of an absolute master of street photography, colour and poetry, as well as the wonderful places he keeps returning to.

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### **Bader says**

I believe that Alex Webb's strength is in his ability to combine colors, people (many of them, and several stories in one picture. I enjoyed this eye-opener collection.

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### **Paul Chan Htoo Sang says**

Alex Webb is a photographer I have admired aesthetically since I started to walk towards the artform. But today, while I was reading and discussing his works with my mentors (who are great photographers), they pointed out that his works are too perfect in terms of technicality. In other words, his works become predictable, although extremely hard to imitate.

I recommend this book to anyone who is planning to pursue the artform as a street photographer. Although his artworks lack the emotional accessibility, in order to understand the rules, Alex Webb is the best out in the world to teach one the rules necessary for a street photographer.

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