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Now in paperback, a provocative look at today's leading porn stars combined with insightful, offbeat and amusing texts by an all-star literary lineup. XXX, by renowned photographer Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, features cleverly paired portraits (one clothed and one nude) of the top stars in pornographic film. A cross section of straight and gay men and women is represented, from porn legends to rising stars. Performers in the book include celebrities like Jenna Jameson (the leading porn star of our time), Ron Jeremy and Nina Hartley, as well as fast-rising names like Sunrise Adams, Belladonna and Chad Hunt. The book also features short essays on the intersection of pornography and culture by a wide range of distinguished writers, including Salman Rushdie, Francine du Plessix Gray, John Malkovich, Nancy Friday, and John Waters. XXX is a landmark artistic work that will contribute to the ongoing debate about the pornification of the culture at large.

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Jennie says

I've been dying to own a copy of this book ever since I watched the HBO special on its creation. I finally bought it yesterday and I'm happy to say it did not disappoint. The photos are fascinating, beautiful and provocative - really it's just amazing the impact they make on the viewer. And the articles are thoughtful, clever and highly amusing in some places. The perfect coffee table book for someone like me.

Salman Khan says

best book

conor catterson says

good

Desmariah says

sexy

Clarkegod says

nice book

Justin says

its good

Garrett Bryant says

Timothy Greenfield Sanders is as good a portrait photographer as they come. His subjects have ranged from world leaders and politicians to pornstars. This collection of photographs is his take on the humanity of adult film start. Often juxtaposing clothed images with naked images of his subjects the personalities of the stars shine through. I once heard a good portrait photographer doesn't just capture an indexical relationship of his

subjects, but articulates a definition of the subject through an image. TGS is successful in this endeavor.

this really changed the way I viewed adult film stars and the lives they pursue.

Avery says

I'm a little embarrassed that this is the only thing I've read that's related to Gore Vidal.

Not such a bad book on the photography front.

Cody says

I could have done without the Ron Jeremy pic...

CD says

A snapshot of a moment in the history of adult entertainment. The world has certainly changed as even in the not far distant past, this book would not have been found on a regular bookstore shelf. It would have been with the adult magazines and other such publications.

It is not a sexually explicit book. More of meat market voyeurism, a catalog of those who work in the industry and what they bring. Not unlike a catalog from any talent agency showing potential clients the raw assets of the models and actors represented.

Graphic without purpose other than as illustration. 30 clothed and unclothed famous (mostly famous) workers in the the Adult oriented industry as of moment in time that this book was published with a few 'classic' stars.

Much of the accompanying prose written by some very gifted and lauded authors of our time is as worthwhile as anything written on the topic of the porn industry.

The two star rating is close to a three, but the book is just too stagnant to fully express the basic grit and normalcy of the topic as seemingly desired.

Interesting photographic juxtaposition of the stars but not, and admittedly intentionally, very creative.

Needs something more to fulfill the potential of an otherwise good concept.

Raman says

good

Tara says

Believe it or not, this is a challenging read. While I was first drawn to this book based on the concept of the portraits (clothed vs nudes, same poses), I quickly became interested in the essays. There are deep, disturbing and interesting short pieces that made me read and reread. The essays are thought provoking and I have become a fan of some of the contributors.

Mandy says

Greatest novel ever

Anita Wagner Illig says

Awesome! So great to see these iconic porn stars as they naturally are, then with all the clothing, hair and makeup.

Saptarishi says

so far...soo good.
contrasts are really great.
