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With the launch of a new Taschen digital book for iPad - Linda McCartney, Life in Photographs - and ahead of the first comprehensive retrospective exhibition of the photographer's work (on 6th June in Vienna) Bazaar looks back at some of McCartney's most iconic photographs.

Linda Eastman was already an established photographer, when she met and later married Paul McCartney. In 1968 she became the first female photographer to feature on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine (with a shot of Eric Clapton). Her big break though, came about in 1967 when she (as the only photographer) accompanied the Rolling Stones as they worked on a boat on the Hudson River. The candid shots opened the door to magazine covers and regular shoots with Rolling Stone magazine.

But her work, truthfully was always overshadowed by her famous surname and connection to the Beatles. Particularly in Britain. "People didn't realise that it was through her photography career that Mum and Dad met" explains Mary McCartney, herself a photographer 'and that she was a photographer way before she had a family with Dad'. The photographs for the book were originally chosen in 2011 for an exhibition by her family, who waded through over 2,000 photographs to select their personal favourites.

Within the mix are exquisite shots of the simplicity of family life, on the farm in Scotland. Of little Mary's smiling face, peeping out of Paul's jacket or Paul leaping joyfully from a fence in an old dressing gown. As well as iconic shots of Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw in Jamaica, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix performing on stage in New York in 1967 - and of course The Beatles, in London at the height of their fame.

Linda McCartney, Life in Photographs for iBookstore, £6.99 Taschen. www.taschen.com

Linda McCartney's photographs will run from 6th June to 6th October - Kunst Haus Wien Gallery Vienna. www.kunsthauwien.com