

STEVE McQUEEN, whose career was at its peak in the Sixties and Seventies, was one of the best-loved actors of his generation. He is perhaps most fondly remembered for his performances in *The Magnificent Seven* (1960), *The Great Escape* (1963), *Bullitt* (1968) and *Towering Inferno* (1974).

Off screen, his wild lifestyle and passion for glamorous girls, sports cars and motorbikes earned him the accolade of King of Cool.

Photographer William Claxton's STEVE McQUEEN
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captures the enormous charisma of the man in a series of more than 150 intimate images taken in the Sixties.

In 1979 McQueen was diagnosed as suffering from mesothelioma, a form of lung cancer, but he kept his terminal illness a secret up until shortly before his death. Had he lived, McQueen would have been 75 next week.