

Peter Beard: Art Edition

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Born in 1938 in New York City, Peter Beard has been collecting and documenting his life since his teens. At once photographer, collector, diarist and author, he has fashioned his very life into a work of art. The illustrated diaries he kept as a young boy evolved into his signature work as an artist, and made him an acclaimed and sought-after name. Beard was painted by Francis Bacon, painted on by Salvador Dalí and has collaborated on diaries with Andy Warhol. He toured with Truman Capote and the Rolling Stones and created books with Jacqueline Onassis and Mick Jagger, all of whom appear in his work. His love affair with nature and, specifically, African wildlife began when he read *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen (aka Karen Blixen). In the 1960s he bought a piece of land near hers in Kenya and took *Vogue* models to Africa to shoot them there, also notably bringing one back to the US with him: Iman. Beard now divides his time between New York City, Montauk and Kenya with his wife Nejma, who edited this limited edition volume documenting Beard's incredible life. It is undoubtedly a collectable work of art in itself, with the first 250 sold out before it even had a chance to hit a public bookstore shelf. **ST**

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