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LINDA MCCARTNEY: LIFE IN PHOTOGRAPHS

(Taschen, prices vary, out April 28)

Long before she became Mrs McCartney, Linda Eastman had earned fame in her own right as a rock 'n' roll photographer.

The story goes that after snapping some candid shots of The Rolling Stones aboard a yacht on the Hudson River, above right, Linda was hot property. She was the first female photographer to have her work on the cover of the iconic *Rolling Stone* magazine. Her career took her to London and, after meeting Paul McCartney, she famously covered the launch of The Beatles' *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* album. The rest is, as they say, history. Paul and the couple's children were heavily involved in selecting the images from Linda's archive and, as such, this book has quite a personal and almost journal-like quality.

Diehards will be thrilled to hear about the 750 limited editions, which feature a hardcover book presented in a clamshell box accompanied by one of Linda's prints signed and numbered by Sir Paul McCartney. But, at a pricey £650, it may be a little extravagant for mere mortals, who will be relieved to hear there is an equally lovely edition *sans* box and print priced £44.99; www.taschen.com.