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SISTERS ARE DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES

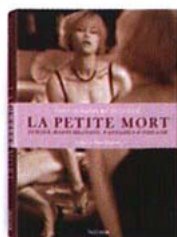
(AND FOR PHOTOGRAPHER WILL SANTILLO'S CAMERA)

When Will Santillo asked his wife to pose for him so he could test out a new camera, he was no doubt surprised when — instead of putting her hands on her hips or fixing her hair — she lay back on the bed and started masturbating. This was how the idea for *La Petite Morte*, Santillo's new book of erotic photography, came about (and by the looks of things, came and came, and came some more). Santillo, a New York photographer who started his career by taking portraits of escorts for agency websites, selected 37 female volunteers of different races, ages and sizes to pleasure themselves in front of him by whatever means they wanted. The results were varied and imaginative: from a quickie in a stairwell and an intimate rinse with a detachable showerhead, to more elaborate set-ups involving Manhattan rooftops and moving vehicles. Consider it an instruction manual of the liveliest kind.

La Petite Morte: Female Masturbation, Fantasies & Orgasm by Will Santillo (Taschen) is out now taschen.com



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POINT OF VIEW: DOZENS OF WOMEN POSE FOR SANTILLO'S HOMAGE TO MASTURBATION