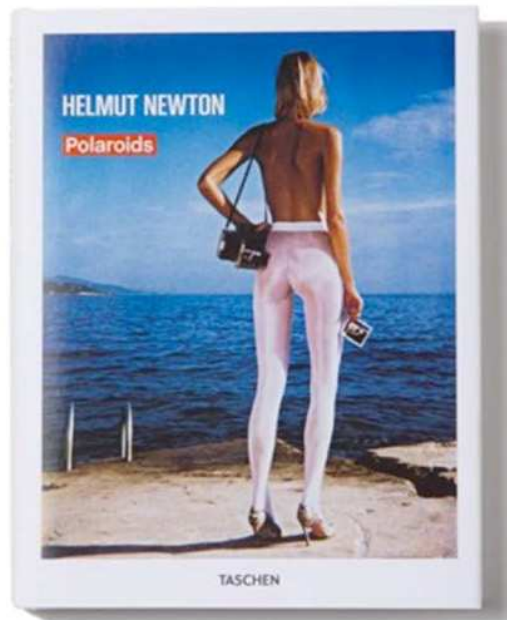


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READ: HELMUT NEWTON'S POLAROIDS

A NEW BOOK SHOWCASES THE CREATIVE PROCESS BEHIND
ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMED PHOTOGRAPHERS

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Just when we thought that all of famed German photographer Helmut Newton's work had already been printed, a new compilation, featuring a collection of rare, never-before-seen Polaroid test shots has just been published by Taschen.

Revealing the creative process behind one of the world's most prolific photographers, this previously unreleased compilation of test shots, complete with their white borders and scrawled captions is an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at some of Newton's most iconic images. Helmut Newton used polaroid as a tool for testing lighting and conceptualising ideas, thus resulting in images that reveal the moments 'just before' some of his most celebrated works. As it transpires, Helmut Newton kept all his test Polaroids, with his wife, June Newton, once recalling him coming home with a stack of the day's images, "like Othello coming home with the spoils of war."

The body of work has been collected and edited by June herself, who of the project said "I decided to enlarge the Polaroids, because, as the wolf said to Red Riding Hood, "all the better to see you with, my dear."

Come October, this book is sure to be finding itself a permanent fixture on our coffee table.

Available from Novel bookstore, from October.

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