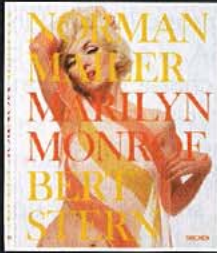


Marilyn, as you've never seen her before...

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TASCHEN's new bible for Marilyn Monroe lovers combines text by Norman Mailer from his 1973 biography *Marilyn*, with extraordinary photographs by one of America's greatest portrait

photographers, Bert Stern. They show the 36-year-old Marilyn, photographed for *Vogue* over three days at the Bel Air Hotel. Six weeks after the photo shoot, known as *The Last Sitting*, she was dead.

Together, Mailer and Stern bring Monroe into the light – the woman, the star, the sex symbol. This is a luscious, striking and engrossing volume – but as might be expected with something as beautiful, it

is hard to come by. Only 1,962 copies of the book are being produced, the same number as the year Marilyn died. And it's not cheap. The Collector's Edition is numbered and signed and costs £650, while the Art Edition comes with a limited-edition print of one of Bert Stern's pictures from *The Last Sitting* and costs £1,500. For most of us, this is a book that will remain elusive, like the star.