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## Marilyn & Me Author Larry Schiller on Marilyn Monroe's Nude Photos, Dumb Blonde Act, and Death Conspiracy

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It is hard to believe that Marilyn Monroe would be 86 years old today if not for her mysterious death in 1962. After all these years, the world's fascination with the life of the blonde starlet lives on.

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Marilyn's death, film director, author, and photojournalist Lawrence Schiller is debuting his 11th book, *Marilyn & Me: A Memoir in Words and Photographs*. Schiller's journalistic essay takes us back to a time when movies were called "motion pictures" and the predecessors of today's celebrity gossip magazines were called *Life* and *Paris Match*.



Lawrence Schiller/Steven Kasher Gallery

The book is filled with personal recollections from his charming first encounter with Ms. Monroe on the set of *Let's Make Love* to his last, just a day before she died. Through photographs, Schiller reveals semi-nude images of the actresses' infamous pool scene on the set of her last, unfinished film, *Something's Got to Give*. These iconic images -- some never-before-seen -- are the product of words that forever changed his career: "What would happen if I jumped in with a bathing suit on, and actually came out with nothing on?"

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