

Paris: Portrait of a City

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This hefty book is a stunning visual history of Paris, captured over the past 160 years by some of history's most famous photographers, from Daguerre to Helmut Newton. The 500 photos, most of them black-and-white, show the transformation of the Paris landscape and the monumental events of the city's past, from the Paris Commune of 1871, the building of the Eiffel Tower to the riots of May 1968. It also captures more intimate moments: scenes of everyday life in streets, cafes, nightclubs and artists' ateliers. The book's editor, Jean Claude Gautrand, is one of France's leading experts on photography. He spent three and a half years deep in the city's archives, libraries and private collections, searching for the images for this book. This book, published by Taschen, is part of a series of visual portraits of the World's greatest cities, other books are dedicated to New York and Los Angeles, with London expected soon.

