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The secret life of America's Bible Belt Swinging sex lives of everyday Americans

Naomi Harris's subjects are not the usual perfected androids who populate contemporary erotica, but ordinary people with extraordinary sex lives; this book explores a rarely-seen side of sex in America. **This edition is limited to 1,000 numbered copies, signed by both Naomi Harris and Richard Prince. The cover features a four-color, silk screened, 3-dimensional stamped metal reproduction of a classic American motel sign, specially conceived and created for this edition.**

Richard Prince discovered **Naomi Harris** in TASCHEN's *The New Erotic Photography* and was so intrigued by her photos of American swingers that he tracked down the 34-year-old New Yorker, determined to make her his protégé.

When he discovered TASCHEN had signed her to do America Swings he asked to do an interview with her, where he reveals part of what makes her work so unique: "*When I look at one of your swinger photos what I'm looking at is mostly you 'outside' the picture looking at what you're photographing ... half-naked, all naked, taking these photos of next-door neighbors having sex ...*"

He refers to Harris's secret for winning the confidence of her subjects: To penetrate the world of middle class mate-swapping she had to join them, often working in just shoes and a tool belt to hold her camera gear. Her extreme technique worked so well that **in 48 months she was able to photograph 38 parties**, crisscrossing the country from Mahwah, New Jersey, to Pleasanton, California; from Big Lake, Minnesota, to Washington, Texas. Her subjects are not the usual perfected androids who populate contemporary erotica, but ordinary people with extraordinary sex lives, including **multi-orgasmic schoolteachers, polyamorous nurses, bi-sexual senior citizens and the Mandingos, a group of African-American men who service white wives.**

Stunningly photographed and surprisingly sexy, Richard Prince describes Harris's America Swings as "*something that's gloriously alternative, that isn't rentable, that can't be downloaded, that's uninhibited and filled with a sense of strange joy. Almost like a J.G. Ballard theme park for sex.*"

"*These people are definitely having better sex than the rest of us.*"

- NAOMI HARRIS

The photographer:

Naomi Harris was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1973. She received her photographic training at New York's International Center of Photography. She has been published in *Fortune*, *Flaunt*, *Life*, and *Heeb* magazines, and likes to knit, sing karaoke, and frequent nude beaches. She lives in Brooklyn.

The contributing author:

Richard Prince, painter, photographer and collagist was born in 1949 in the Panama Canal Zone. He is known as a critic of and commentator on American consumer culture and as a master of appropriated art. He currently lives and works in New York City.

The editor:

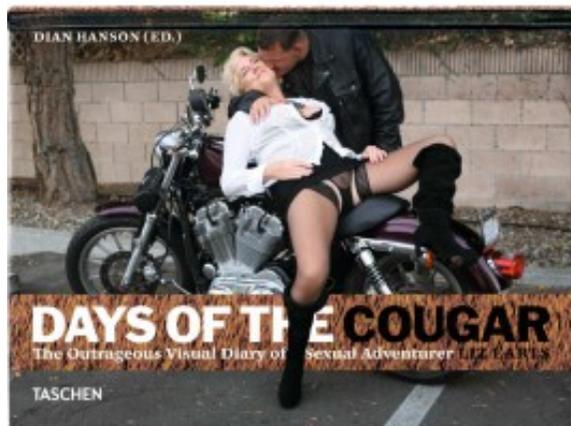
Dian Hanson produced a variety of men's magazines from 1976 to 2001, including *Juggs*, *Outlaw Biker*, and *Leg Show*, before becoming TASCHEN's *Sexy Book* editor. Her 60+ books for TASCHEN include *The Art of Pin-up* and *Psychedelic Sex*. She lives in Los Angeles.

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