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### **Mad About the Girl**

#### **See Amy Winehouse the way she saw herself**

When 22-year-old American photographer **Blake Wood** moved to London on the heels of a breakup in 2007, a mutual friend introduced him to **Amy Winehouse**. After winning **five Grammy Awards** for her 2006 album *Back to Black*, the celebrated singer with the sultry and emotionally raw voice was **at the height of her celebrity**, but struggling with her wayward partner and the scrutiny of constant media attention. Bonding over their relationship woes, Wood and Winehouse developed a close friendship and would become inseparable for the next two years.

From images of Winehouse **performing in Paris** to playing drums at her **home studio in Camden Town, London**, from lovingly composed portraits of her at ease on **St. Lucia** to carefree vamping for the camera, this is an **intimate visual diary** of the soul diva at a time when she was **one of the most celebrated voices** on Earth.

The story of this profound emotional collaboration is told through the lens of her confidant, in **150 color and black-and-white photographs** that reveal their mutual love, trust, and respect. With text by acclaimed pop culture critic **Nancy Jo Sales**, discover a **rare and lighter side of this much-missed icon**, totally at ease in front of her friend's camera; a typical young London girl enjoying life to the fullest.

*"This is not a doom-and-gloom-and-then-she-dies story. There were amazing bright moments amid all the chaos and that's what I see in these images."*—  
Blake Wood

#### **The photographer:**

**Blake Wood** is a multidisciplinary American artist based in New York City and London. Wood's work has been featured in international media outlets, including *Channel 4 UK*, *i-D*, *Vice UK*, and *Dazed*.

#### **The author:**

**Nancy Jo Sales** is an award-winning journalist and *New York Times* best-selling author; her books include *American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers* (2016) and *The Bling Ring: How a Gang of Fame-Obsessed Teens Ripped Off Hollywood and Shocked the World* (2013). She has written for magazines such as *Vanity Fair*, *New York*, and *Harper's Bazaar*.

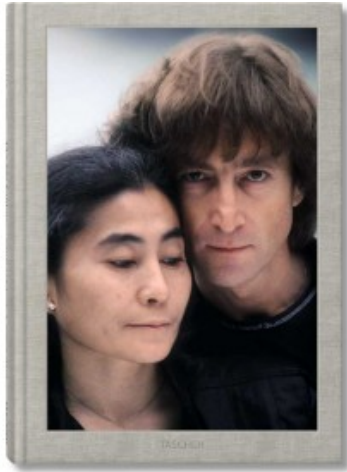
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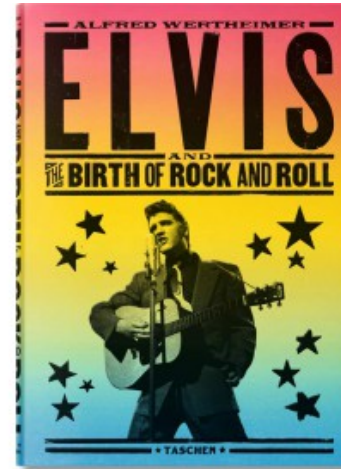
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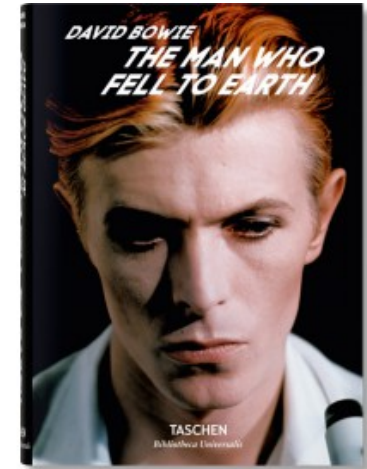
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