



Photography: History and Theory

By Jae Emerling

Download now

Read Online →

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling

Photography: History and Theory introduces students to both the history of photography and critical theory.

From its inception in the nineteenth century, photography has instigated a series of theoretical debates. In this new text, Jae Emerling therefore argues that the most insightful way to approach the histories of photography is to address simultaneously the key events of photographic history alongside the theoretical discourse that accompanied them.

While the nineteenth century is discussed, the central focus of the text is on modern and contemporary photographic theory. Particular attention is paid to key thinkers, such as Baudelaire, Barthes and Sontag. In addition, the centrality of photography to contemporary art practice is addressed through the theoretical work of Allan Sekula, John Tagg, Rosalind Krauss, and Vilém Flusser. The text also includes readings of many canonical photographers and exhibitions including: Atget, Brassai, August Sander, Walker Evans, *The Family of Man*, Diane Arbus, Lee Friedlander, Cindy Sherman, Bernd and Hilla Becher, Sebastião Salgado, Jeff Wall, and others.

In addition, Emerling provides close readings of key passages from some major theoretical texts. These glosses come between the chapters and serve as a conceptual line that connects them. Glosses include:

- Roland Barthes, "The Rhetoric of the Image" (1964)
- Susan Sontag, Regarding the Pain of Others (2002)
- Michel Foucault on the archive (1969)
- Walter Benjamin, "Little History of Photography" (1931)
- Vilém Flusser, Towards a Philosophy of Photography (1983)

A substantial glossary of critical terms and names, as well as an extensive bibliography, make this the ideal book for courses on the history and theory of photography.

 [Download Photography: History and Theory ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Photography: History and Theory ...pdf](#)

Photography: History and Theory

By Jae Emerling

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling

Photography: History and Theory introduces students to both the history of photography and critical theory.

From its inception in the nineteenth century, photography has instigated a series of theoretical debates. In this new text, Jae Emerling therefore argues that the most insightful way to approach the histories of photography is to address simultaneously the key events of photographic history alongside the theoretical discourse that accompanied them.

While the nineteenth century is discussed, the central focus of the text is on modern and contemporary photographic theory. Particular attention is paid to key thinkers, such as Baudelaire, Barthes and Sontag. In addition, the centrality of photography to contemporary art practice is addressed through the theoretical work of Allan Sekula, John Tagg, Rosalind Krauss, and Vilém Flusser. The text also includes readings of many canonical photographers and exhibitions including: Atget, Brassai, August Sander, Walker Evans, *The Family of Man*, Diane Arbus, Lee Friedlander, Cindy Sherman, Bernd and Hilla Becher, Sebastião Salgado, Jeff Wall, and others.

In addition, Emerling provides close readings of key passages from some major theoretical texts. These glosses come between the chapters and serve as a conceptual line that connects them. Glosses include:

- Roland Barthes, "The Rhetoric of the Image" (1964)
- Susan Sontag, *Regarding the Pain of Others* (2002)
- Michel Foucault on the archive (1969)
- Walter Benjamin, "Little History of Photography" (1931)

- Vilém Flusser, Towards a Philosophy of Photography (1983)

A substantial glossary of critical terms and names, as well as an extensive bibliography, make this the ideal book for courses on the history and theory of photography.

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling Bibliography

- Rank: #1136122 in eBooks
- Published on: 2013-03-01
- Released on: 2013-03-01
- Format: Kindle eBook

 [Download Photography: History and Theory ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Photography: History and Theory ...pdf](#)

Editorial Review

Review

'Jae Emerling has done the near impossible: he has written an introduction to the history and theory of photography that also adds significantly to the ways in which we come to see, know, and understand the world. Here, by focusing on the 'and' between history and theory, photography itself becomes ingeniously a form of thinking. Photography is history, is theory, is technology, is archive, is document, is truth, is time, is knowledge, is a way to generate new worlds politically and aesthetically. Emerling writes that 'to study the history and theory of photography is to write and create alongside?and in the middle of?images.' He couldn't be more right.' – Marquard Smith, Director, Institute for Modern and Contemporary Culture, University of Westminster, UK

'Jae Emerling has produced a timely and thoroughly useful book that shows how the history of photography and the theories encouraged by that history have shaped our experience of the photographic work of art. His writing eloquently and accessibly considers those debates that have led to the concepts through which contemporary practitioners and viewers alike now confront the 'impossible object' of an art photograph. This book is a must for anyone serious about the production, appreciation, or use of photographic images in the 21st century. Emerling's work beautifully defines artistic practice and theory as complementary but not identical, and points out that images are always already ensembles of history and ideas. For as he so succinctly states in his introduction, 'The footprint of a bird is not a bird'.' – William Wylie, Professor of Art, University of Virginia, USA

'Photography offers the most complex limit case for understanding representation in our time. What Emerling has done in situating the discourse of art photography on the dual thresholds of aesthetics/ethics and theory/history, is to open up the field to the ontological complexity of its subject domain. This book is an astonishing performance, a nuanced and lucid argument addressed to all those interested in why photography matters today.' – Claire Farago, Professor of Art History, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

'In exploring photography's inexorable relationship to theory Emerling has produced an elegant and rigorous analysis of key theoretical junctures within the history of this crucial medium of visual culture... [T]his excellent study is likely to become an indispensable volume for graduate students and scholars of photography and those interested in theories of visual culture. Highly recommended.' – M.R. Freeman, CHOICE magazine

'...we are now witnessing the publication of more single-voiced books [that] succeed in adding new perspectives and insights on photography, as *Photography: History and Theory* convincingly does' – Helen Westgeest, CAA reviews

About the Author

Jae Emerling is assistant professor of modern and contemporary art at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He is the author of *Theory for Art History* (Routledge).

Users Review

From reader reviews:

John White:

The book Photography: History and Theory gives you the sense of being enjoy for your spare time. You can use to make your capable much more increase. Book can to become your best friend when you getting anxiety or having big problem along with your subject. If you can make examining a book Photography: History and Theory to get your habit, you can get far more advantages, like add your current capable, increase your knowledge about many or all subjects. You may know everything if you like open up and read a guide Photography: History and Theory. Kinds of book are several. It means that, science reserve or encyclopedia or other folks. So , how do you think about this e-book?

Alice Lawson:

Reading a publication can be one of a lot of pastime that everyone in the world adores. Do you like reading book and so. There are a lot of reasons why people enjoy it. First reading a e-book will give you a lot of new information. When you read a publication you will get new information because book is one of a number of ways to share the information or maybe their idea. Second, studying a book will make you more imaginative. When you examining a book especially hype book the author will bring one to imagine the story how the character types do it anything. Third, you could share your knowledge to some others. When you read this Photography: History and Theory, you could tells your family, friends as well as soon about yours book. Your knowledge can inspire different ones, make them reading a book.

Evelyn Montgomery:

This Photography: History and Theory is great publication for you because the content that is certainly full of information for you who all always deal with world and possess to make decision every minute. This book reveal it data accurately using great arrange word or we can claim no rambling sentences included. So if you are read it hurriedly you can have whole data in it. Doesn't mean it only offers you straight forward sentences but difficult core information with wonderful delivering sentences. Having Photography: History and Theory in your hand like obtaining the world in your arm, info in it is not ridiculous one particular. We can say that no guide that offer you world throughout ten or fifteen tiny right but this e-book already do that. So , this is certainly good reading book. Hey Mr. and Mrs. active do you still doubt that will?

Brandy Godwin:

You may spend your free time to learn this book this e-book. This Photography: History and Theory is simple to create you can read it in the recreation area, in the beach, train along with soon. If you did not have got much space to bring the particular printed book, you can buy the actual e-book. It is make you easier to read it. You can save the book in your smart phone. So there are a lot of benefits that you will get when one buys this book.

**Download and Read Online Photography: History and Theory By
Jae Emerling #84WAZD3OFQT**

Read Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling for online ebook

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read
Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling books to read online.

Online Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling ebook PDF download

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling Doc

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling Mobipocket

Photography: History and Theory By Jae Emerling EPub