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American Beauty (Classics)



Synopsis

Photographed by Vogue alumna Claiborne Swanson Frank, *American Beauty* is a tribute to the women who symbolize our country today—from Jenna Lyons to Lisa Mayock, Solange Knowles to Lily Aldridge; each of whom possesses an original blend of grit, grace, glamour, and gravitas that make them fitting exemplars of kaleidoscopic American beauty. Featuring over 100 portraits, alongside texts by Genevieve Bahrenburg, a foreword by Vogue photography director Ivan Shaw, and a preface by author Lesley M. M. Blume, *American Beauty* captures today's bright young things in a survey of quintessentially American women that echoes far beyond its pages.

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Customer Reviews

Claiborne Swanson Frank is a fine art portrait photographer. After assisting Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour, Frank went on to pursue a career in photography. In 2010, she released her first body of work, *Indigo Light*, a collection of 29 portraits of the women in her life, which served as the inspiration for *American Beauty*. Frank exhibited in her first solo show, at Lu Magnus gallery, in 2012. She resides in Manhattan with her husband, James Frank. Genevieve Bahrenburg is a journalist, writer, and magazine editor. She has worked in the features departments at Vogue and Elle, and is currently the executive editor of Above magazine and Above Live.

Photo taking skill is more like amateur, nothing fancy or professional look. Kinda waste of money and time to read through it!

I use the as a coffee table book and will pick it up and look through it occasionally while watching TV. I enjoy the content and it looks great as a coffee table book/decoration as well.

Ordered several copies (since someone we know is in the book). The pictures are beautiful. A great coffee table book.

Boring!!!

Love love this book. Lots of fresh faces of American Beauty, well captured in an authentic and intriguing way. A perfect gift for someone's coffee table. In this ephemeral world, I love having something more substantive, lasting, and beautiful to look at.

I agree with the other reviewers that the photography is nothing to write home about... mediocrity at best. She just happens to be well connected (Swanson TV dinners) so she was able to get this made. It's not horrible, but I've seen much, much better photography.

I stumbled upon this coffee table book at a museum gift shop this past summer and was immediately drawn in by the stunning cover! A collection of portraits of modern American woman, woman of our time that are creating and contributing artistic relevance to our world. After flipping through the pages I became increasingly intrigued with the story the photographer was presenting, and am now basically obsessed! I often go back and visit my favorite images and read the accompanying text, captivated by each woman's story. On more than one occasion I have had a guest over who picks up the book for the first time and later admits to buying a copy for themselves as soon as they got home! My friends (women and men!!) all rave about this book! It makes a wonderful gift and looks chic on any living room table. Claiborne Swanson Frank has captured a beautiful, intimate moment with each of her subjects that truly resonates with the viewer. Hoping she will come out with another photography book soon!

Any true American would not give a penny to the author/photographer of this book, for what is *obvious* to military members & their families as well as, other patriots who still love this nation

enough to serve & die for. There is *no* reason *ever* to allow the American Flag to touch ground. For that reason alone, the cover by itself is more than enough reason not to fund this "artist"'s cr@p. This is a disgusting desecration of our Flag, and I'd be absolutely shocked to find any current or former member of our military with this insult laid out on their coffee table. And you can save reminding me of the true fact that Americans fell and died under Old Glory so that you and I could remain free to purchase something like this. My children's great-grandfather was blown to pieces in Pearl Harbor, several decks below our Flag flying and flapping in the morning breeze. Our fallen have given their lives for this Flag. The very least any of you could do, is not purchase this book out of respect and thanks for their sacrifice.

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