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Editorial Review

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The magic is in the editing: Spreads reveal life imitating art, vibrancy against death, blurry and streaked negatives, and other happy accidents. Together they reflect Goldin's uncanny eye for imperfect beauty. (Jack Crager *American Photo*)

The photographer's latest monograph is dedicated to previously unseen work for her 40-year career, mostly focusing on Goldin's mistakes and photographic accidents, such as double (or triple) exposures and intuitive portraits of her friends and lovers (Julien Sauvalle *OUT Magazine*)

Goldin's photographs leave their labor largely invisible, enacting a kind of magic that belies the mechanics of their making. (Michael Miller *Bookforum*)

Goldin's more recent pictures focus on light and the beauty of it, she says, and often depict other works of art...in *Diving for Pearls*, a book released in the U.S. last October, she paired these with her portrait shots (both past and present), highlighting similarities in color and composition?a comparison that's surprising, perhaps, to the viewer but not so to Goldin, who views her subjects with a reverent, nonjudgmental eye, even when exposing their imperfections. (Molly Langmuir *Elle Magazine*)

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