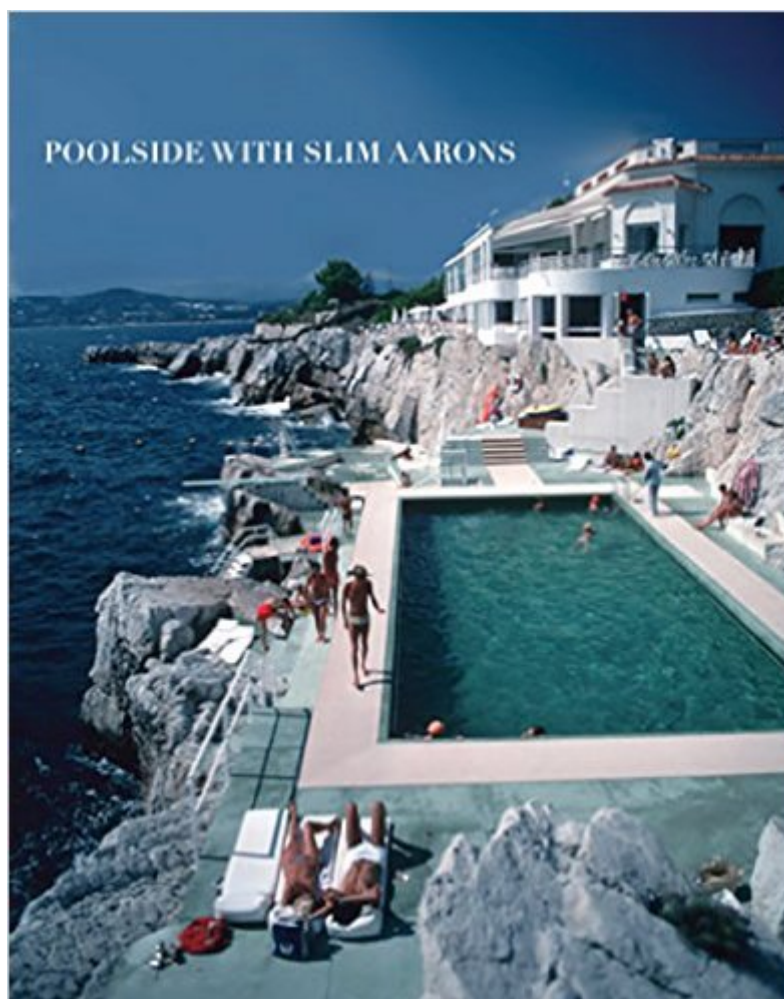


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Poolside With Slim Aarons



Synopsis

Like its predecessors, *Once Upon a Time and A Place in the Sun*, *Poolside with Slim Aarons* offers images of jet-setters and the wealthy, of beautiful, glittering people living the glamorous life. Yet this new collection of stunning photographs of the rich and well-connected "doing attractive things" in their favorite playgrounds has a new twist. The main character is pools and everything that goes with them: magnificent, suntanned bodies; well-oiled skin; bikini-clad women; yachts; summer cocktails; sumptuous buffets; spectacular locations; and most of all: fun. *Poolside* is not so much a *Who's Who* of society, aristocracy, and celebrity; although C. Z. Guest, Lilly Pulitzer, Cheryl Tiegs, Peter Beard, and many who have appeared in the previous books are here; as it is about leisure time and how the rich make use of it. This is a more intimate peek into very private lives, to which Slim Aarons was given unprecedented access in the fifties, sixties, seventies, and eighties. From the Caribbean to Italy and Mexico to Monaco, *Poolside with Slim Aarons* whisks the reader away to an exclusive club where taste, style, luxury, and grandeur prevail.

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Customer Reviews

I have all the other Slim Aarons pictorials and they are great. This volume is good, but many of the photos are extras not used in the other volumes. Also, there are very few celebrities represented here. Lastly, there is some odd focus on Mexico and the French and Italian Rivas and much less on the wonderful pools and communities in the US, like Palm Beach (barely featured), Fort

Lauderdale, Laguna Beach/Niguel, La Jolla, Malibu, and so many, many more. I got a good price so it's a decent addition, but definitely not as great in terms of print quality and content. You can tell right away that the photo repro quality is much poorer: when it sits beside the other volumes on your coffeee table, the colors in the cover photos don't pop like the others, rather, appearing in a slight haze.

Poolside is a great collection. I am an enormous Aarons fan and have his two other currently in-print books. Poolside shows some of the once great, but now little known members of an international society which is now all but gone. Doinnes, gold-diggers, and scions comingle in glamorous pools wearing Cartier watches, gold bracelets, and the classic '70s look, the gold chain softly nestled in a bed of chest hair. Hermes beach towels and Vuitton bags hold vigele under umbrella tables, visited by bowtie clad waiters refreshing drinks for little sister as she flirts with a countryless prince. What keeps his work from being complete camp, is that it was all real. People trully lived these lives. They weren't acting for a camera, they were caught in that moment when they were just happening to be having cocktails in Jamaica with Mrs. so-and-so. My only complaint is that many of the pic.s have been previously published in prior collections and others just don't have all the impact and roundness held in the selections Aarons made for the works published in his lifetime. There are many "society" photographers. None are Slim Aarons.

True lovers of good photojournalism know there's more to being a witness than endless photos of the abused, the oppressed, and the doomed. The world's one-percenters need love too. Poolside with Slim Aarons shows a lifestyle of sun, alcohol, and implicit easy sex in the days before nautilus workouts and Hair Club for men. I hope those guys took good care of those Rolex watches cause now they're worth a ton on eBay!

See how the other half lived in this beautiful collection of color photographs from the fifties, sixties and seventies, featuring some the world's less cash strapped individuals by some of the world's more excessive pools.

Major coffee table book! Conversation starter!! Love Slim Aarons books!!! Everything Slim does, I buy! Great fun to read! Great fun to look at and think back to yesteryear!! Love, Love, Love! Buy, Buy, Buy!!!

A superb coffee-table photo book that should be in every home that can boast an in-ground swimming pool. While the images show American and European jetsetters at poolside during the 1950s to the 1990s, it does inspire us slugs in the middle class to work to achieve that oh-so ethereal (in-ground) swimming-pool lifestyle that typifies having "made it" in the modern age. Pour yourself a martini and then sit by the pool as you enjoy this book. You don't have to just dream it. Go ahead--live it. Just ask the late actor Burt Lancaster's character in the 1968 film "The Swimmer". Then you, too, can swim home.

If you love the era of photography you will love this book. Takes you back in time. I love it.

I love this book and the price is very good. It arrived on time and in perfect conditions. Nice to have it on my coffee table.

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