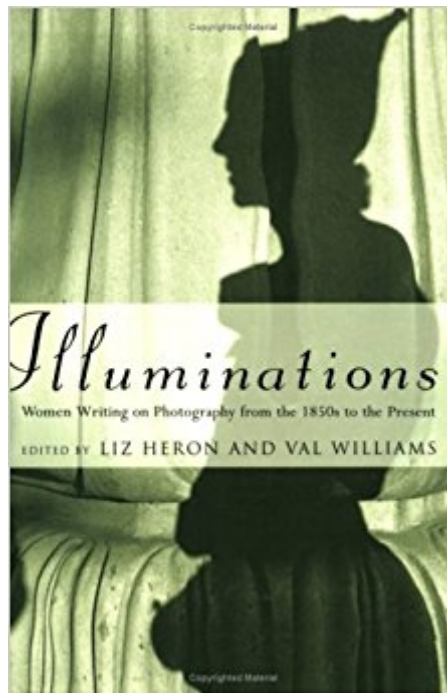




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# Illuminations: Women Writing On Photography From The 1850s To The Present



## Synopsis

The first anthology of its kind, *Illuminations* presents a comprehensive selection of women's writings on photography. It proposes a new and different history by demonstrating the ways in which women's perspectives have advanced photographic criticism over the last 150 years. Extraordinarily wide-ranging in its scope, this collection chronicles the role of women in photography as critics, historians, and practitioners. Readers will find Julia Margaret Cameron's bold description of her photographic method, Rosalind Krauss's exploration of what the camera means for Surrealism, Margaret Bourke-White and Carol Squiers with differing perspectives on *Life* magazine, as well as essays by Eudora Welty, Susan Sontag, Lucy Lippard, Berenice Abbott, Dorothea Lange, and many others. *Illuminations* begins with a short piece on the daguerreotype by Elizabeth Barrett Browning then moves through the avant-garde influence of Dada, Bauhaus, and surrealism, to fashion and portrait photography, continuing with documentary and reportage, the emergence of feminist analysis, and postmodern and postcolonial criticism. Encompassing many varied points of view, this volume offers pieces on individual photographers such as Diane Arbus, Ansel Adams, Barbara Kruger, Edward Weston, and Cindy Sherman along with theoretical work by contemporary writers including Jane Gallop, Coco Fusco, and Laura Mulvey. An historic anthology, *Illuminations* shows that women have been writing about photography from its beginnings and have intervened in the key debates of the past century and a half. It will be welcomed by those interested in photography, gender studies, and women and the arts.

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