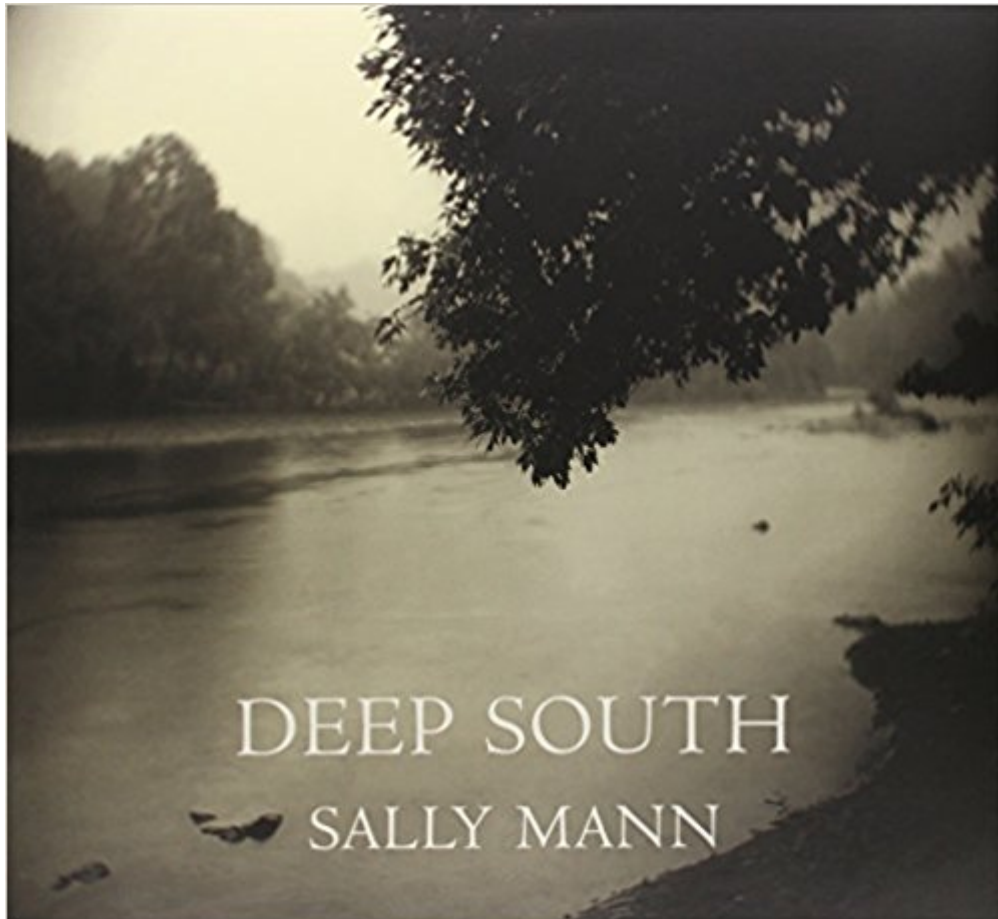




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Synopsis

This is a collection of Sally Mann's landscape photographs, chosen by the artist herself, of America's Deep South. Sally Mann came to the attention of the public in 1992, with a series of intimate portraits of her children and her reputation has risen since then.

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Customer Reviews

Mann rose to prominence with *Immediate Family*, a collection of photographs of her children that some saw as emotionally direct and others found disturbingly erotic. Regardless, these photographs, and her subsequent work, demonstrate that Mann has a preternatural eye for light and composition. In this book, Mann, inspired by "a cache of glass negatives...of familiar local places," set off with her camera through the South, using eighteenth century photographic techniques to capture the "radical light of the American South," and the results are fascinating. In Georgia, a column of leaves dissipates into a luminous mist; in Virginia, a scumbled field with an empty cart in the distance suggests a test shot by Matthew Brady. Many of these photographs are startling in their intimations of violence: in the section called "Deep South," Mann depicts the thick shaft of a venerable tree with a wound-like, horizontal slash near the trunk. Mann has also included the inevitable mistakes involved with such a tricky process: indiscernible unhappy accidents and washed-out near-abstractions. This is brave but puzzling. In one of her short essays, Mann writes that the Southern dusk makes "the landscape soft and vague, as if inadequately summoned by some shiftless deity, casually neglectful of the details." A god may enjoy such prerogatives, but

shouldn't artists be more mindful? Most of the 65 images here are hauntingly beautiful and offer a stunning tour of a very off-the-beaten-path part of the country. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"A collection of soulful landscapes." -- Photograph, Sept/Oct 2005 "A stunning collection of tritone photographs reinvents the art of landscape photography..." -- FORECAST, August 2005 "In 'Deep South,' Mann has conjured up a breathtaking photographic elegy to the South and its dark history." -- New York Post, October 2, 2005 "Showcasing a mastery of the genre with some of her finest, most moving work to date." -- Photo-eye, Fall 2005 "The images are deeply arresting, mysterious, quiet, and incredibly beautiful." -- PICTURE magazine, Sept/Oct 2005

Sally Mann has such a large body of work all of which is distinguished, and it seems almost blasphemous to pick out what is her "best." But my viewing this book, I feel a certain power that transcends meaning - these images are a combination of grace and power. The book on the whole contains a complexity of mood and emotion that is ghostly, historical - but undeniably present and real. The quality of her images - (and I don't know how she does it...indeed content aside Mann seems to hold technical camera skills that Providence bestowed upon her alone) - gives her images a wonderful sense of depth so that one almost feels as if they are standing there, by the water's edges, for instance, while at the same time in a landscape of dreams. In a class of herself in modern art, for me her landscapes here bring to mind the work of the J.M.W. Turner for their combination of visual depth while still holding impressionist qualities. All the images are great. The ones I took particular note on, though, are on pages 39, 41, 51, 61, 69, 71, 81

Bought this as a textbook for a freshman writing class at U of M but I'm so glad I did! it's a very spooky and moody book, especially once you've done your research on Mann and learnt that she was inspired to create such a book after a man had been shot down and bled into her yard. I found the bits of writing she includes about some photos sort of trivial. Though it is nice to learn the story of the photo, I like to imagine such new stories more.

Sally Mann never fails to create beautiful evocative images. I waited a long time to get this, but it was worth the wait.

Best photographs for the south. Captures the feeling and mood of the south

My daughter asked me to get her this book. She is into photography...I thank her for giving me the chance to get to know this amazing photographer and in particular this book. This is a collection of nature photos that often look like scenes from a dream. It is a real work of art - intriguing, poetic and inspiring.

Beautiful book.

This book is a magnificent collection of Sally Manns landscapes. The pictures speaks to you in a quiet, almost still matter, but still they make a huge impression on me, and they tend to leave me in a meditative state of mind, sitting on the couch, browsing through the book.

Very touching book, beautiful images, very well printed.

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