

PLUS: MORE THAN 250 GIFT IDEAS

Town & Country

ESTABLISHED IN 1846

A SHINING SEASON

LAURA LINNEY:
STAR BRIGHT

BROOKE ASTOR:
A GLOWING TRIBUTE

RADIANT RESORT FASHION

BEAUTY'S BEST SELLERS

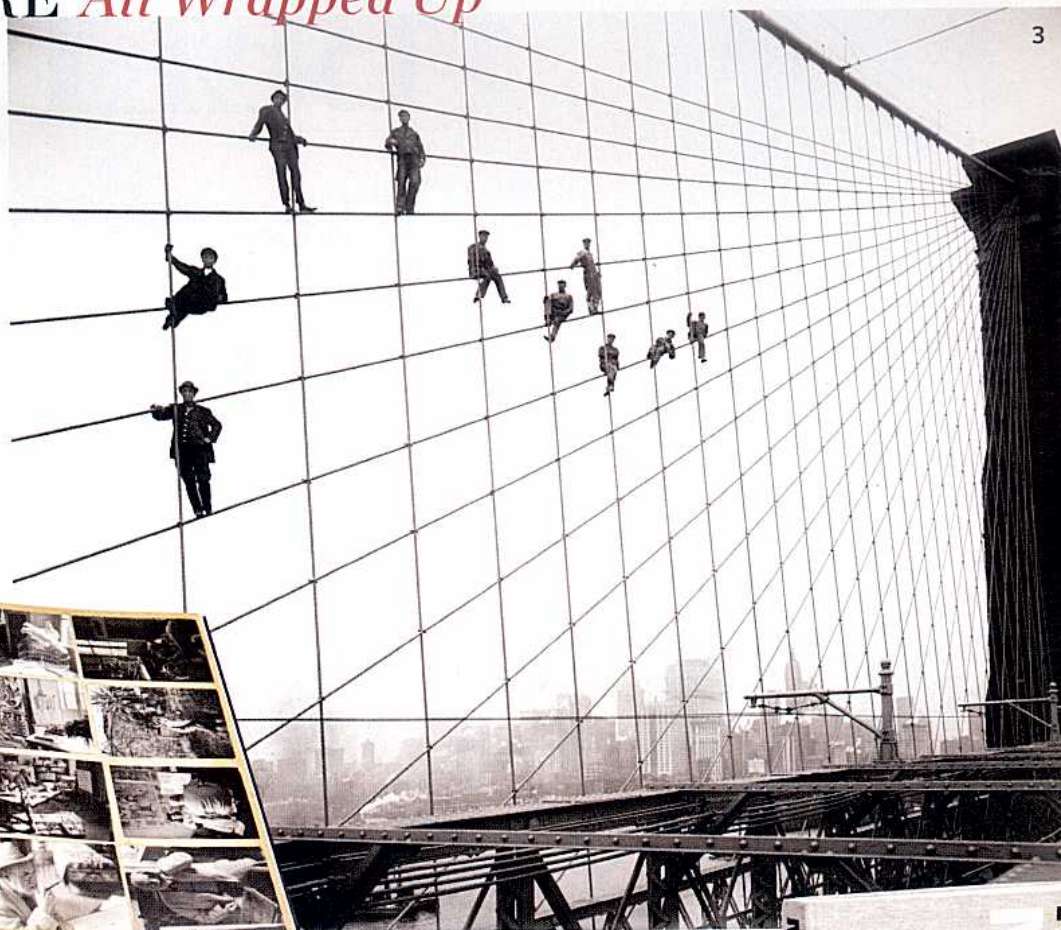
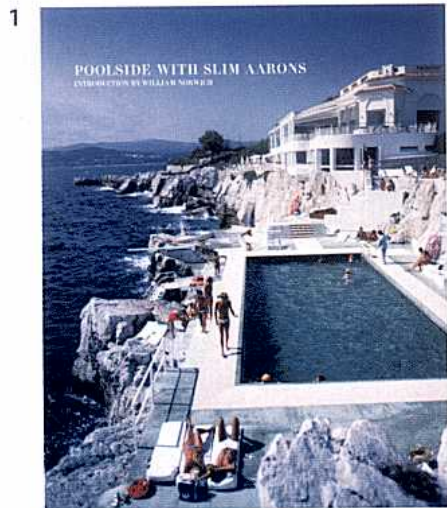
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PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Give *Poolside With Slim Aarons* (Abrams; \$75) to a friend who can peruse its pages on a dark and snowy evening. A foreword by style commentator William Norwich sets the scene for vintage images of

tanned, fit bodies that frolic in and around all manner of sun-dappled swimming pools.

2. *Henri Cartier-Bresson: Scrapbook*

(Thames & Hudson; \$85) is a facsimile of what the remarkable photographer called his “most precious object.” After World War II, Cartier-Bresson filled a leather-bound book with 300 black-and-white images he’d taken in Spain, Mexico and France between 1932 and 1946. The result is an introduction to the work of a master.

3. The New York-based Aperture Foundation offers affordable **limited-edition prints** by inimitable talents (Edward Steichen, Paul Strand), current favorites (Ralph

Gibson, Annie Leibovitz) and tomorrow’s headliners (Tim Davis, Lalla Essaydi). Start a young collector off with a portfolio of several works (from \$900) or a resonant single image, like Eugene de Salignac’s recently rediscovered *Brooklyn Bridge*, from 1914 (shown; \$800; price will rise as edition of seventy-five sells out). aperture.org.

4. *Magnum Founders: In Celebration of Sixty Years* (Verso; \$12,500, edition of seventy-five) and **5.** *Magnum Magnum* (Thames & Hudson; \$225) both mark the sixtieth anniversary of this fabled photography cooperative. Bestow the first book on someone truly special: handsewn into its binding are twelve

limited-edition platinum prints (two bonus prints are unbound) by the incomparable founding quartet of Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, George Rodger and David Seymour. The second features the work of sixty-nine past and present Magnum members.

6. Encourage a fledgling photographer to start building his own portfolio with a **Leica D-Lux 3** (top; \$495). This digital wonder—Leica has been the preferred camera of countless professionals for decades—melds classic features with a large viewing screen. leica-camera.us. If you prefer to give an analog camera, try the **Canon EOS Elan 7NE** (\$299). usa.canon.com. **PHYLLIS TUCHMAN**

