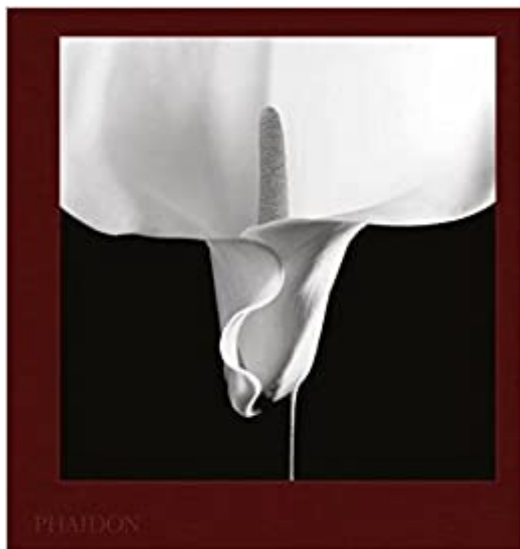


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# Mapplethorpe Flora: The Complete Flowers



## Synopsis

The definitive collection of Robert Mapplethorpe's flower photographs Robert Mapplethorpe (1946–1989) is one of the twentieth century's most important artists, known for his groundbreaking and provocative work. He studied painting, drawing, and sculpture in Brooklyn in the 1960s and started taking photographs when he acquired a Polaroid camera, in 1970. Beginning in 1973 and until his death in 1989, Mapplethorpe explored the flower with extraordinary dedication, using a range of photographic processes – from Polaroids to dye-transfer color works. In carefully constructed compositions, he captured roses, orchids, snapdragons, daisies, tulips and other species – both common and rare – and forever transformed the way we perceive a classic and familiar subject. The result – a stunning body of work – is collected in this elegant book, *Mapplethorpe Flora: The Complete Flowers*.

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Muschamp (1947â 2007) was a New York Times writer and one of the most influential architecture  
critics of his generation.

I like it

I was given a copy of Mapplethorpe The Complete Flowers some years ago for my birthday. It is  
beautiful. When this volume was announced, I was interested but not in a hurry to get it since I had  
the earlier title. This is a very nice book! The illustrations are excellent and of comparable quality to  
the early book. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Mapplethorpe's work on  
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