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Naked Gymnastics



Synopsis

People have always been fascinated by the beautiful, extremely well-trained and highly flexible bodies of female acrobats, dancers and athletes. These lithe beauties can perform contortions and pretzel-like twists that would cripple an ordinary person. And they accomplish these exotic movements with playful ease and elegance. Performing difficult exercises in a naturally nude state offers unexpected erotic perspectives on the beauty of the female sex, which reveals itself here like a ripe and pouting fruit. Lombardo's photos convey a message of physical and sexual openness, perhaps even surrender. An excitingly different book! Texts in German, English & French.

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Customer Reviews

This book was a disappointment. It seems you can now throw together a bunch of pictures without consideration for effect or continuity. Some of the images are well posed and thought out and I will be the first to admit the erotic is in the eye of the beholder but this will not satisfy those who are attracted to the female of the species. You would think looking at this that the editors were fans of she males or that there was a shortage of classic females who could hold these rather extreme poses. Instead it is more focused on the ballet dancer or circus freak type, plus there are some older ladies bent (pardon the pun) on showing us they have not lost it. I am sorry if this seems harsh but the lady on the cover is the best model in the book and fortunately features in 20% of the pictures. This is not a coffee table book for the relatives to have a browse through or the younger generation definitely some confronting images and I am not a Wowser. Having said that it will not satisfy bondage freaks either. To top it all off the book is short on pictures (pages) although the format is

generous compared to the rather stingy almanacs of nudity you get from the likes of Goliath and print quality (if not the subjects) is excellent. This book should have been called "Women in uncomfortable poses". The title "Naked Gymnastics" implies something different than what you get here. I would rather have spent my money on something else.

This is an amazing book from an Australian photographer who has been specializing in this most unique form of photography for many years. This work is breathtakingly erotic and might even be described as blatantly sexual, but it is also unquestionably a beautiful testament to the glory of the human body. De Lombardo's subjects are the real deal - they are actual contortionists, dancers, acrobats, and the like. And they are unbelievably flexible and supple and ultimately beautiful. His perspective is an unabashedly direct look into the most intimate places of the human landscape. As mentioned in the book cover, "Performing difficult exercises in a naturally nude state offers unexpected erotic perspectives on the beauty of the female sex, which reveals itself here like a ripe and pouting fruit." There are both color and black & white plates featured here, 121 photographs in all. This is unique and wonderful publication that will thrill collectors of nude art and lovers of the female form.

It's fine simply as an art book - better than some, not as good as others. But where this book shines is as a reference piece for pose studies. The female form is depicted in all sorts of interesting twists and turns. And as gymnasts, the models are all in excellent physical shape. I would recommend this book to anyone in need of pose ideas or anatomy studies.

Nude women for the most part, some nude men more in yoga positions than gymnastic positions. It really shows how beautiful the human body is in many different athletic positions.

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