Twelve Photobooks Tristen Feels Speak to The Soul of America

Hi, I’m Tristen Rouse. At home, in my living room, I have a bookshelf. Well, I have half a bookshelf. The other half is my girlfriend’s — we did a whole “his and hers'' thing. Anyway. Two of my shelves are entirely dedicated to books of photography, and as I’ve studied photography I have developed a particular interest in books of documentary photography that focus on American life and culture. They may not have been made by American photographers. They may not have even been entirely photographed in America. Yet, these are 12 books I feel speak to the soul of this country.

The Americans

By Robert Frank

<https://www.amazon.com/Americans-Robert-Frank/dp/386521584X>

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The Atmosphere of Crime, 1957

By Gordon Parks

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The Ballad of Sexual Dependency

By Nan Goldin

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Portraits and Dreams

By Wendy Ewald

<https://www.amazon.com/PORTRAITS-DREAMS-Wendy-Ewald/dp/1912339897/ref=asc_df_1912339897/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=475818739651&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=3167609788590230543&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9023533&hvtargid=pla-935661915119&psc=1>

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From Uncertain to Blue

By Keith Carter

<https://www.amazon.com/Uncertain-Blue-Alice-Wright-Photography/dp/0292726988>

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Sleeping by the Mississippi

By Alec Soth

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American Geography

By Matt Black

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American Backyard

By  Elliot Ross and Genevieve Allison

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American Mirror

By Phillip Montgomery

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2020

By Peter van Agtmael

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Sorry for the War

By Peter van Agtmael

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