

= Rihanna (book) =

Rihanna (originally titled and alternatively known as Rihanna : The Last Girl on Earth) is a coffee table photo @-@ book by Barbadian recording artist Rihanna and British artist Simon Henwood . Henwood envisioned the project as the depiction of a " journey " , as it includes professional and candid photos by him , that show the singer 's fourth studio album , Rated R 's (2009) promotional campaign , alongside pictures from other live appearances . The publication features a preface written by French designer Alexandre Vauthier .

It was first issued in the United States as a hardcover edition including a CD , on October 15 , 2010 ; also being released in paperback formats and a deluxe hardcover edition including a crystal monogrammed clamshell and a signed image print . To promote the book , Rihanna appeared at a Barnes & Noble store where she signed copies of it . Editors commented on the book positively , favoring Rihanna 's looks and Henwood 's photography .

= = Background and concept = =

In November 2009 , Rihanna released her fourth studio album Rated R through Def Jam Recordings , to critical and commercial success . Following was a year @-@ long world tour , titled Last Girl On Earth . On January 2010 , details about a Rihanna photo book were revealed , including its initial title ? Rihanna : The Last Girl On Earth ? and a tentative date , on June 29 of that year .

During an interview with website MuuMuse , the book 's photographer and British artist Simon Henwood , who also served as the creative director during the promotional campaign for Rated R , spoke on the concept and purpose of the publication . He revealed that the book was created in order to show the events of that promotional era , and while he did not envision the project as a " diary " , he described it as a " picture book of everything that happens when you 're building [something] like this , so things people had not seen of her . " Having spent a long period of time with Rihanna on diverse locations , such as " fashion shows , on set , hotel rooms " amongst others , Henwood told MuuMuse that it depicted the " journey from the initial design of the logo and concept of the album to the singer embarking on the Last Girl on Earth Tour .

As a result , Rihanna includes photos of the singer taken during the Paris Fashion Week ; during the Rated R photoshoot done by Ellen von Unwerth in Berlin ; candid pictures and pictures of her American Music Awards live performance . The last photos of the publication were taken by Henwood during the European leg of the Last Girl on Earth Tour in April 2010 . Aside from the pictures , the book also includes a preface written by French designer Alexandre Vauthier , in which he praises the singer and describes their encounter .

The date was then rescheduled from June 2010 to September of that year , and Rihanna revealed to Daily Mail some details about the book : " It 's gonna be a book with all of these images that people have never seen before . It 's like a backstage pass , like a fashion book . " To MTV , she reiterated those comments :

I think it was really special to have behind @-@ the @-@ scenes photos , you know , pictures that the fans haven 't seen before , all together of a very specific moment of my life , an album of my life . They just get to see all the things that they hadn 't seen that were going on behind the scenes ; really cool stuff , not typical . They 're really fun photos . And even for me , when I look at them , they say so much . Photos really tell a thousand words .

= = Release and reception = =

A 144 @-@ page book , Rihanna was released on October 15 , 2010 in the United States under Rizzoli Publications , on hardcover format , including a CD with a song from Rated R ; four days later , the paperback format was issued in the United States , Germany , and France . Both editions were released in the United Kingdom on October 20 , 2010 , under the original title Rihanna : The Last Girl on Earth . Four days later , the paperback format was issued in the United States . On

October 26 , 2010 , a deluxe edition of the photo @-@ book was released , including the hardcover edition " encased in a Swarovski crystal monogrammed clamshell " alongside a print with an image from " Rude Boy " ' s music video shoot , signed by Rihanna . Imported versions of the book were sold in Portugal starting February 2012 .

Rihanna appeared at the Fifth Avenue store of Barnes & Noble , in which she signed copies of the photo @-@ book , dressed in a " floral @-@ print " dress . Editors who commented on the book were positive about it . At E ! , Marc Malkin praised Henwood 's professional photography , which he deemed " absolutely gorgeous " . At Rap @-@ Up , editors favored Rihanna 's looks , writing that in the pictures , she was " at the height of her beauty and ferocity " . Rebecca Thomas of MTV had a similar opinion , stating : " The 22 @-@ year @-@ old stunner [Rihanna] shines in front of the camera and perhaps never more so than in the images that capture [her] " .

= = Release history = =