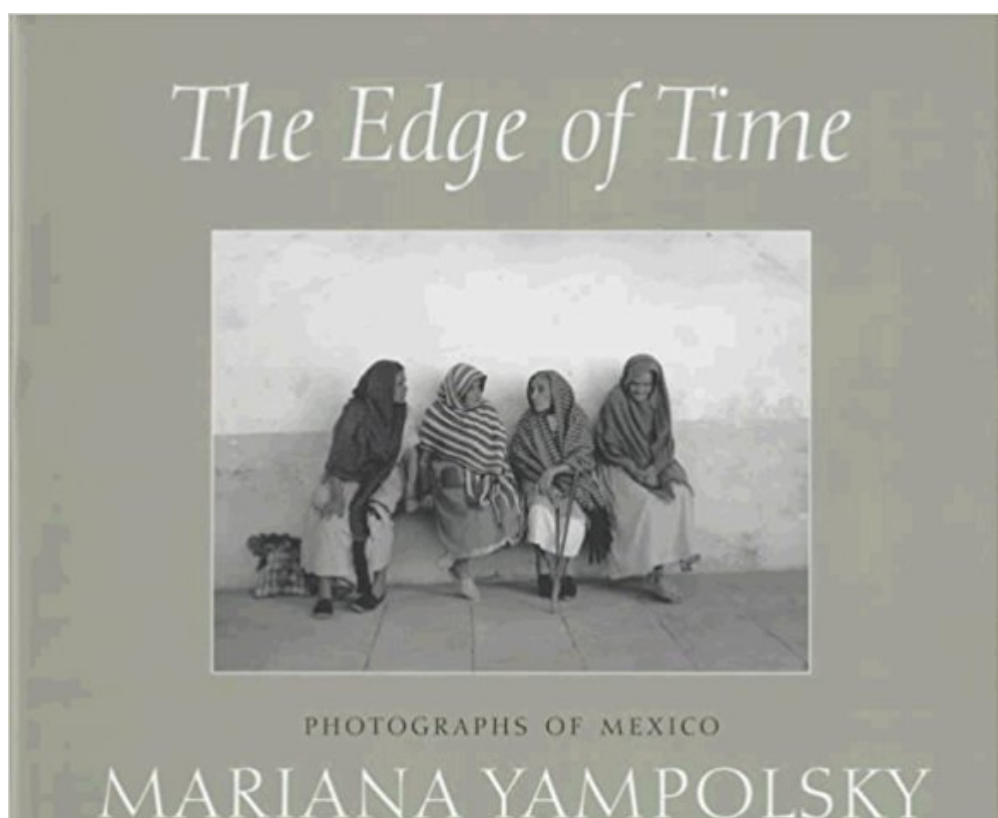


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The Edge Of Time: Photographs Of Mexico By Mariana Yampolsky (Wittliff Gallery)



Synopsis

"This is my country." Mariana Yampolsky knew it the moment she opened her window and saw a bougainvillea blooming against a white wall on her first morning in Mexico City in 1944. Her empathy for the Mexican people and their land has guided her work for more than fifty years, finding expression in books of dramatic black-and-white photographs ranging from her early *La casa en la tierra* and *La casa que canta* to *The Traditional Architecture of Mexico*. *The Edge of Time* presents a retrospective of Yampolsky's photographic work since 1960. Reflecting her lifelong concerns, the images capture rural Mexico and its people with respect and infinite care. They function as works of art and as documents of a moment in Mexico's history when lifeways that have endured for centuries face the onslaught of modernization. Elena Poniatowska has been Yampolsky's friend for many years and, in the foreword, she describes Yampolsky's method of working and includes many quotes from the photographer herself. Sandra Berler provides an overview of Yampolsky's life and the range of her work. Francisco Reyes Palma concludes the text with an exploration of Yampolsky's photographic aesthetic.

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One of the major figures in twentieth-century Mexican photography, Mariana Yampolsky is accepted as an integral part of Mexican life and art. She has worked since 1944 as an engraver, artist, editor, lecturer, and book designer; but it is primarily as a photographer that she is best known, letting

nothing escape her eyeâ •neither the forgotten nor the marginalizedâ •writing in images the story of the country she loves so deeply.

Good

This book contains some of the most extraordinary photographs taken in Mexico. The camera travels through the country capturing images of people, their art, and their environment.

This book won a book design award by the Association of American University Presses (AAUP) in 1999 in the trade book illustrated category. Book designer: Heidi Haeuser; Publisher: University of Texas Press.

Superb black and white photographs by a premier photographer, displaying the lives of ordinary people and the native customs of various parts of Mexico. A real bargain at the price.

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