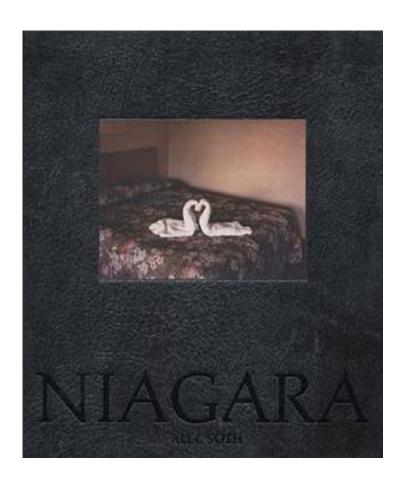
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By way of follow-up to his critically acclaimed debut monograph "Sleeping by the Mississippi," Alec Soth turns his eye to another iconic body of water, Niagara Falls. And as with his photographs of the Mississippi, these images are less about natural wonder than human desire. "I went to Niagara for the same reason as the honeymooners and suicide jumpers," says Soth, "the relentless thunder of the Falls just calls for big

passion." The subject may be hot, but the pictures are quiet, the rigorously composed and richly detailed products of a large-format 8x10 camera. Working over the course of two years on both the American and Canadian sides of the Falls, Soth edited the results of his labors down to a tight and surprising album. He depicts newlyweds and naked lovers, motel parking lots, pawnshop wedding rings and love letters from the subjects he photographed. We read about teenage crushes, workplace affairs, heartbreak and suicide. Oscar Wilde wrote, "The sight of the stupendous waterfall must be one of the earliest, if not the keenest, disappointments in American married life." Niagara brings viewers both the passion and the disappointment--a remarkable portrayal of modern love and its aftermath.

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alec soth和stephen shore(近期,非早期)有一个共同点,就是他们的照片都不太有技术痕迹,而形成一系 列没有技术痕迹的作品本身反而成了一种技术(?)
http://www.americansuburbx.com/2009/11/asx-tv-alec-soth-niagara.html http://www.douban.com/photos/album/79857329/
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ALEC SOTH
再读这本画册时,不自觉得感受到alec的厉害之处,吸收了august sander人像中的客观与paul strand的直接摄影,有时他的人像又会让观者感觉是难分真假的stage photography,但无一不深刻准确揭示了人与人件细腻丰富的感情,虽然现在再看,其摄影语言已经被当下其众多追随者反复运用,显得有些乏味与厌倦,但是作为一个对自己的摄影有深刻理解与思考的摄影师,在当下这种急于求成跟风严重的环境里alec soth对摄影对生活的态度始终值得佩服和学习。
 2006年版。尺寸 10.5*12.5 inch。相比于 Sleeping by the Mississippi 喜欢这本更多一些

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