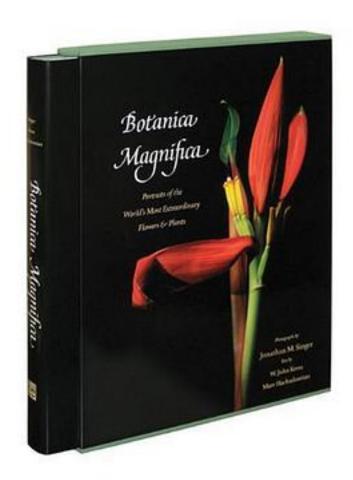
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"Botanica Magnifica" features two hundred and fifty stunning photographs by Hasselblad Laureate-winner Jonathan Singer. Inspired by the size and scope of "Audubon's Birds of America", the original edition of "Botanica Magnifica" was

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