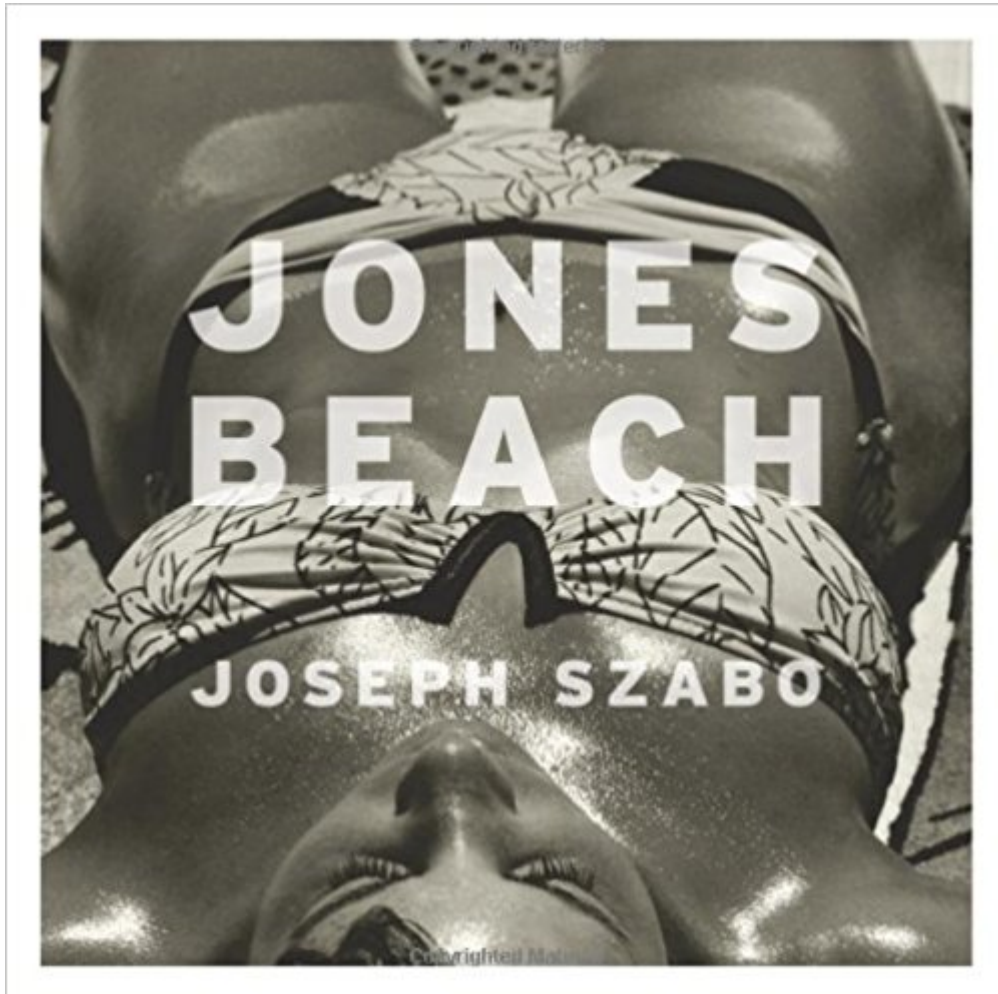




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Jones Beach



Synopsis

Beginning in the early 1970s, Joseph Szabo started capturing the melting pot of humanity on Jones Beach, one of the busiest strips of sand and ocean in the world with more than six million visitors a year. Among the sea of bodies, Szabo's camera reveals moments of both quiet introspection and unashamed exuberance. Images of tanned muscle men, catwalk-like displays of beach wear, heavily oiled skin, masses of sprayed hair, and shy adolescents all reveal the dynamics of the beach so close to New York City. Class, race, and other potential divisions are temporarily forgotten, and the perfect and the flawed are portrayed with the same respect and tenderness. Szabo is an internationally acclaimed artist whose last two books (*Teenage*, *Almost Grown*) have influenced and been admired by a whole generation of photographers. Fans of Szabo, Jones Beach, and people interested in beach culture in general will treasure this funny, sexy, lovely volume created over 35 years.

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Customer Reviews

Joseph Szabo taught photography at a Long Island, NY high school from 1972 to 1999, as well as at the International Center of Photography in New York for more than twenty years. His work resides in many permanent collections including the Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, ICP, the Bibliotheque National in Paris, and Yale University.

GREAT BOOK ABOUT JONES BEACH LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. THE PICTURES BRING

BACK MANY MEMORIES OF THE PAST.A MUST HAVE BOOK IF YOU LIVE ON LONG ISLAND.

Beautifully photographed, intimate and earthy b&w candids of New Yorkers enjoying themselves
one of the world's most beautiful beaches Delightful

I love the photography in this book! I like the way he captures moments on the beach! Such and
inspiration.

This is another fine book of photographs by Joseph Szabo. I highly recommend it.

Nice photos, I was planning to give this as a gift so I am disappointed that it is obvious to the
receiver that it a discounted book because of the black sharpie dot and mark on the edge of the
closed pages.

Newsweek touted this book for anyone who grew up going to Jones Beach during the 70's. Wrong. I
practically lived at Jones Beach through the 70's from Field 6 all the way to West End 2 so I feel
pretty well qualified to tell you that this book spans many different decades at the beach but barely
touched on the 70's. Unfortunately I was neither impressed or interested in these photos. Maybe
someone else would be.

I was disappointed in this book. I did not realize this book was going to be mostly a collection of
photos of the bodies of sexy young people romping and/or making out on the beach. I would MUCH
rather have seen photos of Jones Beach itself and the many buildings and surrounding areas. I
donated my copy of this book to a thrift shop.

After viewing "Jones Beach" many times, I believe Joseph Szabo is Long Island's best black and
white photographer.Seldom in photographic journalism has anyone depicted the spontaneity of
humanity enjoying a day at the beach as well as Mr. Szabo. For example, the extreme closeup of a
perspiring woman, drenched in sun lotion, is so vivid you can almost smell it. The sensual
photographs of boys and girls striving to attract one another, showing their joy of being together and
at the same time their loneliness, awakened by own memories of days at Jones Beach. A double
page photograph of the mass of humanity stretched out on beach chairs and splashing in the
breaking waves, is also outstanding.Other great photographers like Weegee have photographed the

beach, but no one has concentrated more on the people who populate that beach than Joseph Szabo.

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