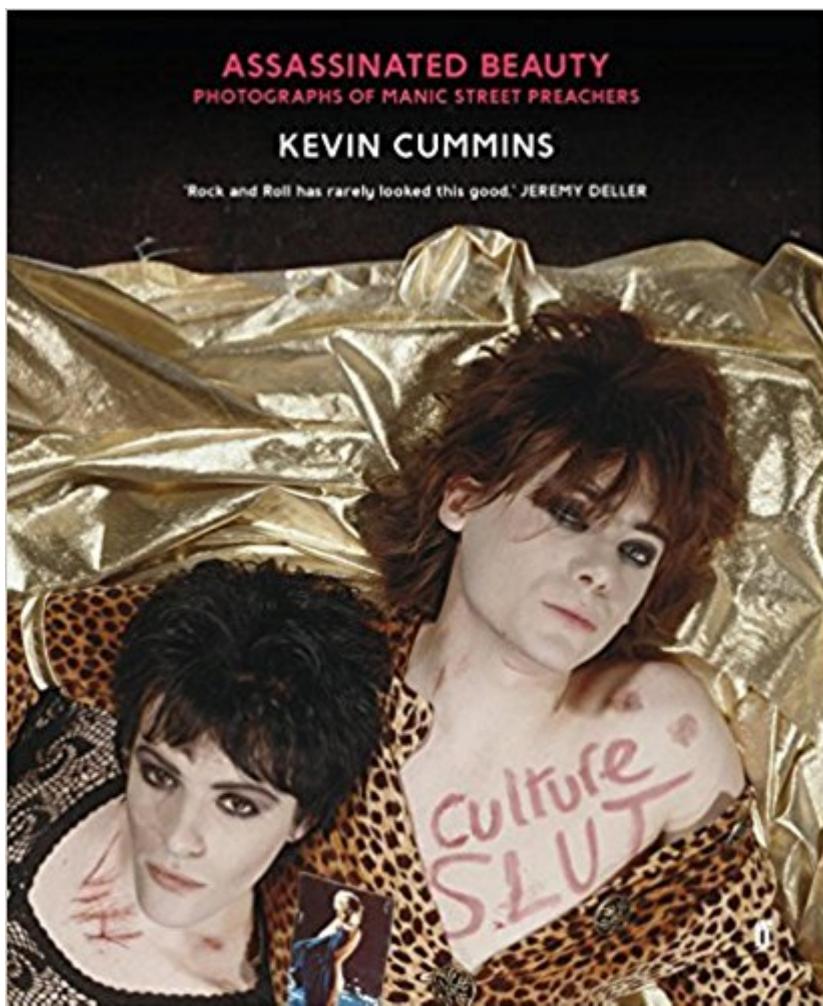


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Assassinated Beauty: Photographs Of Manic Street Preachers



Synopsis

In the early nineties, a group of disaffected and fiercely political young men from the Welsh valleys exploded onto a British music scene still in thrall to rave and acid house. It was the legendary photographer Kevin Cummins who captured James, Sean, Richey and Nicky in their most uncompromising, glam-fixated early years. *Assassinated Beauty* is a unique record of a band on a mission to reclaim rock n roll through literature, image and thrilling guitar pop. Working at the NME and already famous for his association with the classic images of Joy Division, The Smiths and Stone Roses, Cummins was the ideal photographer to capture the essence of a band who understood and manipulated androgynous and decadent imagery. These photographs document the period just before the release of *Generation Terrorists* (1992) up to *Holy Bible* (1995) and the subsequent disappearance of guitarist and lyricist, Richey Edwards. A revealing mix of studio shots and never-seen-before behind the scenes photographs and the ultimate portrait of one of the last great British rock 'n' roll bands.

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Kevin Cummins was born in Manchester and was the NME's chief photographer for over a decade. Revered worldwide as one of the finest music photographers of our time, he is the author of the acclaimed book of Joy Division photographs, *Juvenes*, and *We're Not Really Here: Manchester City's Final Season at Maine Road*.

There are no words to describe this book; you need to experience it. The images are lush, emotional and heartbreakingly beautiful. I haven't stopped looking at it since it arrived. The black and white photo of Richey Edwards walking shirtless down a corridor, blood from self inflicted cuts, making trails down his chest, and the opposite of Richey cuddling a large Snoopy dog are heart-wrenching and romantic at the same time. Nicky Wire never takes a bad photo, with or without eyeliner or shades. James always thoughtful and just a bit angry and the always ambivalent Sean. These are four of the most gorgeous humans in rock.

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