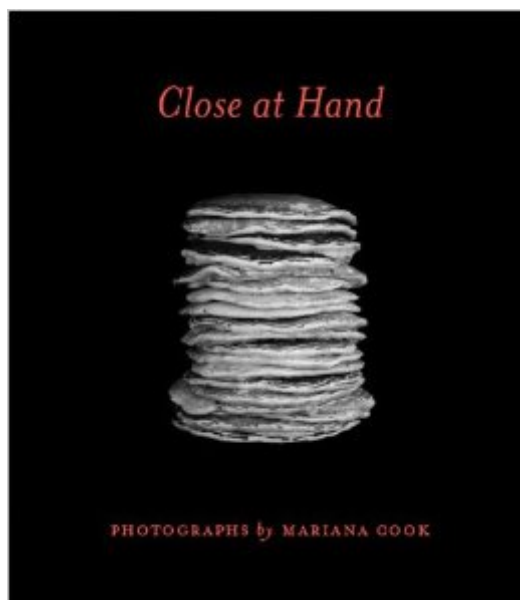


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# Close At Hand



## Synopsis

"These photographs burn in the retina and then in the body and mind. They unfold with uncanny and luminous elegance."—from the Introduction by Arthur Szeln

In a bold departure from her traditional portraiture, acclaimed photographer Mariana Cook turns her eye to the lovely, overlooked world found close at hand. Beginning January 1, 1999, one year before the new millennium, Cook set herself the task of taking one very serious photograph every day, forcing her to look anew at everything surrounding her. The resulting work is a passionate celebration of looking closely. This is not a diary or self-interested exhibition, rather it is a celebration of form and transformation, a warm and thankful awareness of the world around us. It is impossible to resist these tender images—a child's feet in the sand, bands of light on the living room floor, a single glistening oyster—or to remain unaffected by the subtle poignancy of the familiar made mysterious. 96 duotone photographs.

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I have known Mariana Cook, and her photography, for many years. This book is filled with subtle and delicate images. . The images reveal the beauty that is around us always... if we will only take the time to look and experience what we encounter every day. This elegant book will inspire you to see the world, and your day-to-day surroundings, in a new way.

Mariana Cook has understood the deeply authentic beauty in the most quotidian of objects, scenes,

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