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AlpenglÃ¼hn



Synopsis

The term alpengl hn, or alpenglow, refers to the purple light that can often be seen on the tops of mountains, a spectacularly beautiful natural phenomenon. But in this magnificent volume of photographs, it s not only the Alps that are glowing in warm translucent light, but the girls also. Is this for real? It seems these strikingly pretty creatures have climbed up steep hills and hiked through meadows only to cast off their dirndls with enthusiastic aplomb. Well, Stefan S  ll knows exactly how to turn such fantasies into reality. He  celebrates the natural beauty of alpine flora and fauna, using the  mountains where Germany, Austria, and Switzerland meet as his setting. His studio in Friedrichshafen on the Bodensee is in the perfect location from which to start these photographic excursions.

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Customer Reviews

Stefan S  ll began to take photos at the age of 15, and soon landscape and portrait photography had become his favorite subject. In addition to his astonishing talent at choosing the ideal background and selecting key details, he also has the rare knack of capturing ideal lighting conditions.

What can be said about this Stefan Soell book which features crisp clear pictures of natural beauty and youth. Well it is not classic because they are mostly bare down there, and there is none of the Vaseline on the lens type of shots typical of David Hamilton and generally a more modern and direct treatment of the subject. When looking at images like this you get the feeling the subjects are

making the statement; "so what, I'm naked". It is almost as if they could be more sexy with more clothes on and be less offensive to those with sensibilities about full frontal nudity. Sexy is not what the artist seems to be going for, this is more in your face nudity and "look at me" attitude. It is nice to see so many beautiful young ladies enjoy showing the world what they have been gifted with, and do it with a smile, and the quality of the paper and the large format 24cm by 30cm bigger than A4 are all above standard. All bar one European Caucasian white skin set against deep forest greens and blue skies. Waldlust by the same author is just the same thing again but slightly less explicit.

As I've said in other reviews, I've quickly become a big fan of Stefan Soell's work. He picks interesting settings for his photos, and more importantly for me, he picks very attractive models to photograph. I found this book to be similar to, though not quite as good as, Soell's Waldlust. That's not a complaint, and as a stand-alone this book is of very high quality. I highly recommend it (and, really, anything else I've seen by Stefan Soell).

Stefan Soell is a genius with the camera! Each of his books are so tastefully posed and scenic incorporating the beautiful figure of a woman into the topography of the area. I have several of his books, they are all marvelous.

The women are beautiful and the countryside is beautiful, but the whole thing is pretty conventional. If you want to combine a book of Alpine landscapes and nudes, then this will fit the bill perfectly. However I would have preferred to see a bit more imagination in the posing and staging. For fans of fine art nudes, I think it is appealing subject matter but not a must have.

The models, landscapes and even the interiors are wonderfully beautiful. However I think the poses and lighting situations could be more creative. Some of the shots don't have good continuity as well. In general I would still recommend purchasing it. There are some excellent images that justify the cost.

Excellent quality of print material. Great Photo. Won't give it 5 stars because some photos feel like same model/location. Overall A very good book.

Stefan you have done it again I love the scenery oh and the models aren't half bad either . do you require a helper?

The book has great photography of truly beautiful models. About 1/2 the images are full page (which I prefer), other pages have several smaller pictures. The reason I knock a star off is for the lack of mountain scenery. The title of the book, and the description, make it seem that the book is full of nude models in the mountains. While most of the pictures -- not all -- are outside, I'd say only about 20% have a mountain backdrop. Some of these scenic backdrops are truly stupendous -- there just aren't nearly as many as I expected.

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