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Best books of 2012**MARTIN PARR,**
PHOTOGRAPHER/
CURATOR, BRISTOL**Stephen Gill**

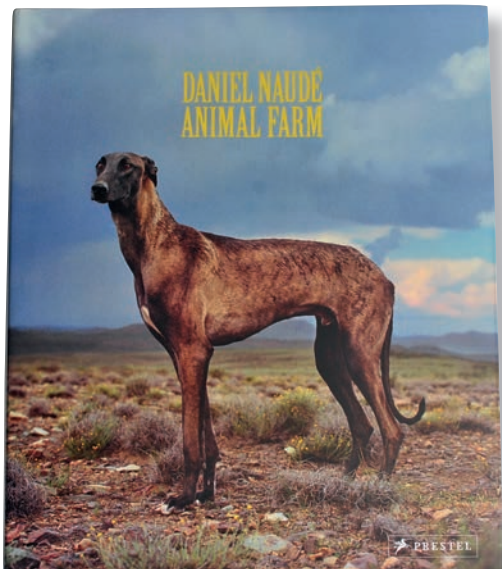
Coexistence
Nobody Books, London
Gill is on top form here while he explores pond life in Luxembourg. He not only explores what is in the pond, but then takes buckets of pond water, dips an assortment of cameras into these and takes portraits of local people who live nearby. He then takes the prints of these portraits and dips them into his pond and waits for the partial disintegration of the image. It sounds mad, but it works very well.

Michael Schmidt

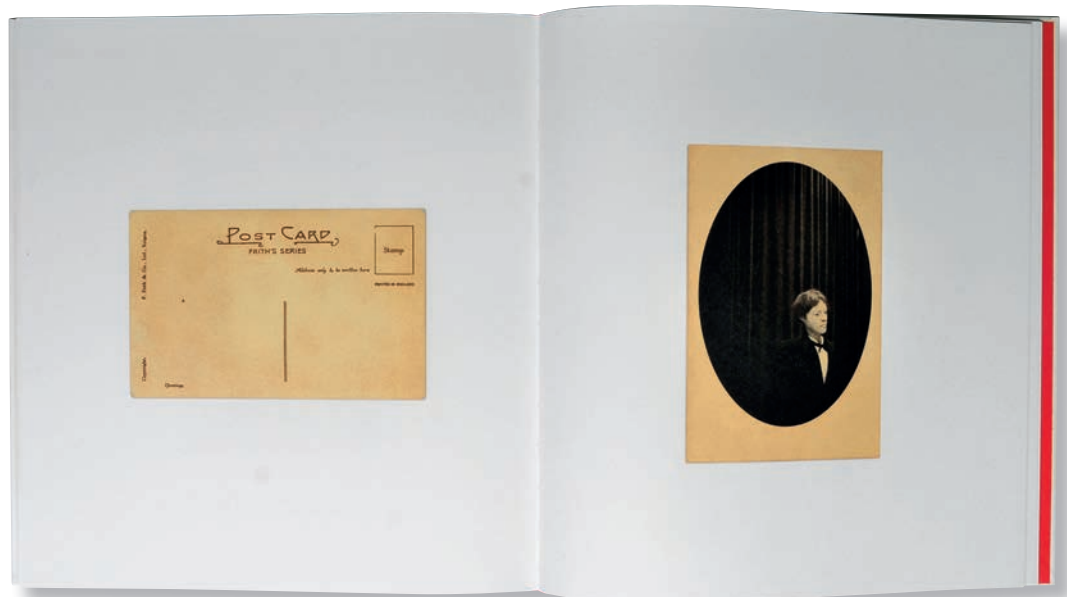
Lebensmittel
Snoeck, Cologne
A great new work from Schmidt exploring all aspects of food production in Germany. He shoots an unsavoury mix of close-ups, colour and black-and-white, and throws this all into the pot to produce a most compelling book.

Billy Monk

Nightclub Photographs
Dewi Lewis, Stockport
A great book about this recently rediscovered South African nightclub photographer who was murdered on his way to see his own exhibition in 1979.



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**Cristina De Middel***Afronauts**Sala Kursala, Cadiz*

A wonderful first-time book from this Spanish photographer, who explores the notion of Zambia sending someone into space after achieving independence from Britain in 1963.

David Galjaard*Concresco**Self-published, Den Haag*

Albania is covered in bunkers, a legacy of its paranoia during the Cold War. This book explores the many remaining bunkers and how they scar the contemporary landscape.

Pietro Mattioli*Two Thousand Light Years from Home*
Kodoji Press, Baden

A very stylish contribution to the recent trend of shooting images at night, the full flash giving the urban landscape a fresh and surreal look – another stylish design from Winfried Heininger.

Peter Marlow*The English Cathedral**Merrell, London*

Marlow toured all the British cathedrals and shot the interiors, using daylight to create this new typology. The detail of the images give this traditional pictorial subject matter a welcome new twist.

Daniel Naudé*Animal Farm**Prestel, Munich*

A collection of photographs of animals in South Africa. The main subjects are feral dogs, standing proud with their beaten-up hungry bodies, but full of dignity. Cows, horses and sheep also appear, but you'll never forget the dogs.

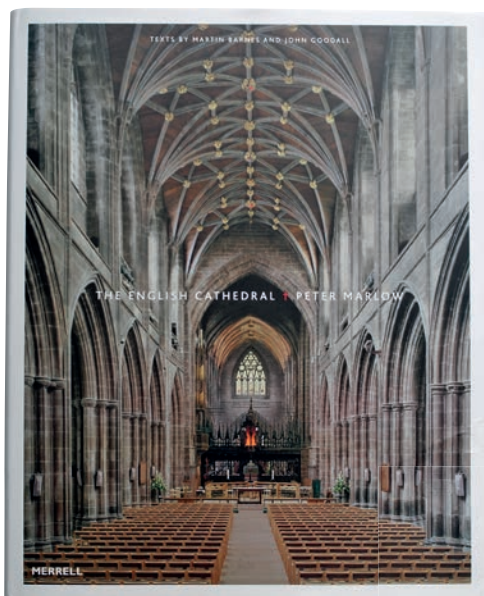
Anne Sophie Merryman*Mrs Merryman's Collection**Mack, London*

Michael Mack has had a good year, building on his catalogue of elegant photobooks. This extraordinary collection of the weirdest, most intriguing, collection of cards

was supposedly gathered by Mrs Merryman and presented by her granddaughters. However, the book does deliver a final cunning twist, which is – quite literally – sewn into the final pages.

Luciano Rigolini*Surrogates**Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne*

Sam Stourdzé, the new director of the Musée de l'Elysée, has emerged as an excellent champion of vernacular photography. In a very crowded field, it will be hard to beat this wonderful collection of car parts, found for sale on eBay by Rigolini. A great production just gives the book the final boost.



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BRUNO CESCHEL,
SELF PUBLISH BE HAPPY,
LONDON

Cristina De Middel
Afronauts
Sala Kursala, Cadiz

**Stuart Bailes, Bea Fremderman,
Ingo Mittelstaedt, Athena Torri**
Hired Hand
Vandret, Copenhagen

Sacha Maric
Good Mother and Father
Self-published, Copenhagen

Torbjørn Rødland
Vanilla Partner
Mack, London

Nick Haymes
Gabe
Damiani, Bologna

Paul Kooiker
Heaven
Van Zoetendaal, Amsterdam

Peter Puklus
Handbook to the Stars
Self-published, Budapest

**Christopher Gianunzio
and Jenny Tondera**
Speaking of Names
Self-published, Philadelphia

Peter Dekens
Touch
The Eriskay Connection, Breda

Maya Rochat
Vote for me!
Hard Copy, Geneva

**MARK PEARSON, ZEN
FOTO GALLERY, TOKYO**

Takuma Nakahira
Circulation: Date, Place, Events
Osiris, Tokyo

Kazuo Kitai
Somehow Familiar Places
Tosei-sha/Tokyo Metropolitan
Museum of Photography

Noritoshi Hirakawa
*Beyond the Sunbeam Through
the Trees - Works 1998-2012*
BSS Bijutsu, Tokyo

Risaku Suzuki
Torii
Super Labo, Kamakura

Michiko Kon
Impact
Match and Company, Tokyo

Michio Yamauchi
Tokyo 2009-2010
Sokyusha, Tokyo

Koji Onaka
Matatabi
Super Labo, Kamakura

Gashō Yamamura
The Children of Washington Heights
Yagisha, Japan

Saori Ninomiya
Requiem
Zen Foto Gallery, Tokyo

Seung-Woo Yang
The Best Days
Zen Foto Gallery, Tokyo

**GERRY BADGER, CRITIC,
LONDON**

Paul Graham
The Present
Mack, London

John Gossage
She Called Me By Name
Loosestrife Editions, Washington

Michele Buda
Tricks and Falls
Danilo Montanari Editore

Takuma Hakahira
Paris
Osiris, Tokyo

Sophie Calle
Rachel, Monique....
Editions Xavier Barral, Paris

Lise Sarfati
She
Twin Palms, Sante Fe

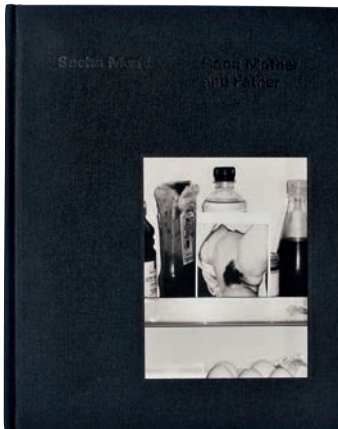
**Annett Gröschner and Arwed
Messmer**
Berlin, Fruchtstrasse on March 27, 1952
Hatje Cantz, Ostfildern

Arianna Arcara and Luca Santese
Found Photos in Detroit
Cesura Publish, Pianello Val Tidone

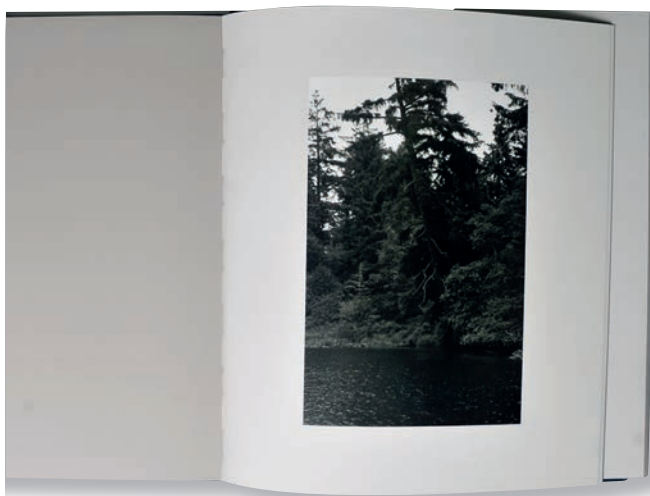
Cristina De Middel
Afronauts
Sala Kursala, Cadiz



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**JEFFREY LADD, WRITER,
PUBLISHER, NEW YORK**

Bertien van Manen

Let's Sit Down Before We Go
Mack, London

Alec Soth

Looking for Love
Kominek Books, Berlin

Martin Soto Climent

The Equation of Desire
Mousse Publishing, Milan

William Eggleston

Los Alamos Revisited
Steidl, Göttingen

Nicole Delmes & Susanne Zander

*Margret: Chronik einer Affäre, Mai
1968 bis Dezember 1970*
Walther König, Cologne

John Gossage

The Actor
Loosestrife Editions, Washington

Michael Schmidt

Lebensmittel
Snoeck, Cologne

Gerry Johansson

Deutschland
Mack, London

Scheltens & Abbenes

Le Style
Offprint projects, Paris

Wilhelm Schürmann

*Road Map to Happiness: Portrait
of a Street*
Hatje Cantz, Ostfildern

**SEBASTIAN HAU,
LE BAL BOOKS, PARIS**

Don Hudson

From The Archive
Editions FP&CF, Paris

Ron Jude

Lick Creek Line
Mack, London

Catherine Opie

Empty and Full
Hatje Cantz, Ostfildern

Michael Schmidt

Lebensmittel
Snoeck, Cologne

Marie Quéau

This is for Fight/This is for Fun
Self-published, Strasbourg

Nakahira Takuma

Circulation: Date, Place, Events
Osiris, Tokyo

Robert Adams

Skogen
Yale

Nikolai Mihov

Forget Your Past
Janet 45, Plovdiv

Justin James Reed

2013
Horses Think, New York

Luigi Ghirri

Project Prints
Ringier

**COLIN PANTALL,
WRITER, BATH**

David Alan Harvey

(based on a true story)
Burn Books, New York

Ben Krewinkel

*A Possible Life. Conversations
with Gualbert
fo.23, Haarlem*

Billy Monk

Nightclub Photographs
Dewi Lewis, Stockport

Claudine Doury

Sasha
Le Caillou Bleu, Brussels

Mischka Henner

Less Américains
Self-published, Manchester

Paul Graham

The Present
Mack, London

**Edited by Frits Gierstberg
and Rik Suermondt**

*The Dutch Photobook: A Thematic
Selection from 1945 Onwards*
Aperture, New York

Rania Matar

A Girl and Her Room
Umbrage Editions, New York

Marc Asnin

Uncle Charlie
Brooklyn Editions, New York

Tony Fohse

Live Through This
Straylight Press, Ottawa

7 *The Afromonauts*, by Cristina De Middel

8 *Good Mother and Father*,
by Sacha Maric

9 *Skogen*, by Robert Adams

10 *Let's Sit Down Before We Go*,
by Bertien van Manen

11 *She*, by Lise Sarfati

12 *Deutschland*, by Gerry Johansson

13 *Gabe*, by Nick Haymes



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