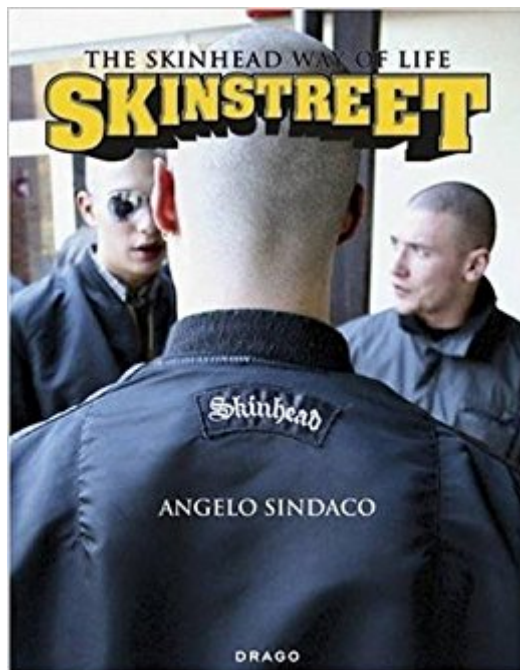


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Skinstreet: The Skinhead Way Of Life



Synopsis

After the success of *Amplified Youth*, an amazing report on the indie scene and the new rock 'n roll fever, Angelo Sindaco continues to dig into the faults of modernity. Pressurized energy, about to explode: he is a spy of the conflict that started at the borders and has spread to the centre. *Skinstreet* is the last book by the photographer, with images shot around Europe and the United States. Sindaco is mapping the mutant geography of the street scene, he is an authentic cultural Jedi like Drago. The challenge, this time, is in the controversial, usually demonized, world of the shaved heads. A former skinhead himself, Angelo Sindaco revisits his past with his camera, immortalizing one of the most "esoteric" tribes on the globe. According to the author it is "a world apart" and "hard to approach". Equally radical, is the code required to adapt and blend in. Starting with the intrinsic rite of shaving to boots, leather jackets and heavy tattoos. This is the look, the complete dress-code of the urban warrior. It has been like this since the 60s, true to its white working class roots. Criticised by the orthodox, the skinheads damned charm has an irresistible appeal to the gay community. So, from the outside, the phenomenon ends under the lights of the paparazzi: on the catwalks and the fashion magazines. However, the "gonzos" of the counter-culture don't surrender to the temptations of show business. Instead, they continue to protectively foster their identity, avoiding all sorts of contaminations. Hard and pure until the end. Through the eye of Angelo Sindaco, it is possible to discover them in their extreme and unsettling habitat. An alien dimension inhabited by secular "Krishna's", devoted to resistance. The volume includes a collection of essays by David Gross (N.Y. Times, Newsday, Farrar Straus Giroux) and Federico Chiara (Vogue Italia).

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Angelo Sindaco, a former skin head is a contributing photographer to Vice magazine, has been taking backstage pictures and live video footage at clubs since the 1990s. His photographs can also be seen in Amplified Youth and Check This Out! Photographic Book on Basketball as Never Seen Before.

not bad

Mostly pictures of European boneheads by a fashion photographer and an intro essay by some douche with AMAZING observations like, "The skinhead is frightening. But at the same time, and by virtue of his being the black hole of a social system based on consumption and rapid obsolescence of goods, he mysteriously attracts us. His virile style sits on the edge of caricature and toys with the feminisation of Western civilisation. It is as if his forceful determination is sublimated the more he performs..." WTF?! Supposedly the pics are of skins from all over europe and the US but you wouldn't know because there aren't any captions. 2 stars for the redhead girl with the fringe and lonsdale polo, and the fact that because technically it's a picture book about "Skinheads", I'm sure it will go out of print and I'll eventually be able to sell it for at LEAST ten times what I paid for it to someone who just HAS to have all the Skinhead picture books. \$165 bux for The Spirit of '69? \$90 bux for Skinhead Nation? Come on kids, really...

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