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# Red-Blooded American Male: Photographs



## Synopsis

A collection of 100Â inspired and surprising portraits of celebrities and everymen alike from theÂ award-winning photographerÂ Robert Trachtenberg.Paul Rudd checking out the merchandise; JimmyÂ Kimmel playing dress up; Jack Black getting a one-of-a-kind pedicure; Elon Musk unveiling his newestÂ Tesla; Jerry Seinfeld and Larry David taking aÂ coffee break.From leading men to comedians,Â ballet dancers to quarterbacks, war veterans toÂ Broadway veterans, Red-Blooded American MaleÂ features more than 100 imaginative, striking, andÂ sexy portraits from award-winning photographerÂ Robert Trachtenberg.Â Pithy captions about each shoot accompany the photographs, giving readers a peek behind the curtain of a famed portrait photographer's creative process and his world-renowned photographs.Uncovering a unique (and often self-deprecating)Â side to such talents as Jimmy Fallon, Seth Rogen,Â Channing Tatum, Waris Ahluwalia, Will Ferrell,Â and Kevin Hart, this collection goes beyond mereÂ portraiture to challenge conventional notions ofÂ masculinity and traditional male imagery.

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Angeles Times" The images are great, often clever, managing the trick of appearing to convey some greater truth about the subject...Not once when you look at these photos, does the thought ever enter oneâ™s mind that 'I could have taken that.'"â "Forbes"Striking, delightful images."â "Vanity Fair"An ingenious and entertaining riff on (mostly) youthful American machismo...Trachtenbergâ™s excellent monograph will inspire you to tap into this freewheeling vibe and to noticeably enliven your portraits.â • â "Rangefinder"Trachtenbergâ™s taste in subject matter is impeccable.Â If Iâ™m in itâ "you know itâ™s good." â "Mel Brooks"Entertaining? Yes. Enlightening? Yesâ "and most of all a rare book of the genre."â "New York Journal of Books"Put some amazing men in front of this guy and the results speak for themselves."â "Mrs. Sizzle"Striking, surprising, sexy portraits of actors, comedians, athletes and other famous folks (including Jimmy Kimmel, Jack Black Paul Rudd, Seth Rogen, Channing Tatum, Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart), all playfully coming out of their shellsâ "and challenging the conventional notions of masculinityâ "for one of Hollywoodâ™s top celebrity photographers."â "Parade"These gorgeous photos are a call to all men to embrace their fun and sensitive side!"â "Bust

ROBERT TRACHTENBERGâ™s photographsÂ have appeared in Entertainment Weekly, Rolling Stone,Â Esquire, the New York Times Magazine, People, andÂ Vanity Fair, among other publications. AdvertisingÂ clients include NBC, CBS, ABC, Netflix, ,Â and HBO. Trachtenberg has written, produced, andÂ directed several documentaries on such legendaryÂ entertainers as Gene Kelly, Cary Grant, and BingÂ Crosby. He is the winner of the Emmy Award forÂ Outstanding Direction for his film Mel Brooks: MakeÂ a Noise. Trachtenberg is also the author of the bookÂ When I Knew (Harper Collins). He lives in Los Angeles,Â California. Visit [www.roberttrachtenberg.com](http://www.roberttrachtenberg.com)Â and Instagram @roberttrachtenberg.

If I could give this book ten stars, IÃ¢ÂÂ™d still complain that ten isnÃ¢ÂÂ™t enough, that the rating scale is rigged and/or incapable of handling a title of this magnitude. RED-BLOODED AMERICAN MALE: PHOTOGRAPHS IS THAT GOOD.I mean, just take a gander at that cover. Will Arnett! In fishnets! And black combat boots! Squeezed into a slinky dress and splayed on a swanky couch, looking all emo! Like some random dude just mansplained how the backlash against Paul FeigÃ¢ÂÂ™s GHOSTBUSTERS reboot is really about authenticity and faithfulness to the source material, not sexism and misogyny, you silly girl you! Or maybe it was some diatribe about Gamergate and journalistic integrity. It doesnÃ¢ÂÂ™t really matter, because he stopped listening several drinks ago. Mind: blown, but in the worst way possible.RED-BLOODED AMERICAN MALE

is a collection of photographer/filmmaker Robert Trachtenberg's (mostly) celebrity photography, from 1994 to the present day. There are actors, singers, athletes, entrepreneurs, chefs, models — even a few children, paired with the occasional woman and/or dog. (Meryl Streep arm wrestling Tommy Lee Jones is a definite keeper.) I was only familiar with, like, half of them; many I'd never heard of. Some none of us will have; for example, little Caleb Ivison, whose mom traded some editing work for Trachtenberg for a photo shoot of her kids. Anyway, consider my interest sufficiently piqued. (This only applies to the 18-and-over crowd, obvs.) Spoiler alert: not all of Trachtenberg's subjects are American. (I'm down with bending the rules for some of the guys, but Justin Bieber? Really? Throw in a Ryan Reynolds doing his DEADPOOL shtick and maybe we'll call it even.) The photos are uniformly stunning, with a mix of black-and-white and full-color images. At 10" x 13", the book is nice and big, and so are the photos; each one occupies at least a full page, with some spanning two. Each image deftly captures the personality of its subject, with a fun and eclectic mix of tongue-in-cheek sexy/cheesecake; goofy and playful; sophisticated and classy; dark and moody (Jimmy Fallon legit looks ready to jump; someone make sure he's okay, yes?); and straight-up bananarama bonkers. Many of the photos are accompanied by a brief description of how the shoot went down; these tend to be super-funny and greatly enhanced my appreciation of the artwork. See, e.g., Janes Van Der Beek's "Tush, More Tush, and Even More Tush"; or how Bryan Fuller's nighttime routine is meant to restore sensations first felt in the womb. I found myself nursing an intense sense of disappointment when a photo — especially a favorite, or of an actor or celebrity I fancy — went un-commented upon. But I guess the way to look at it is, maybe these stories were meh and would have turned us off, so better to omit them altogether? My favorites include Judd Apatow, with his cheeseburger baby bump; a fierce Jimmy Kimmel cosplaying as Daenerys Targaryen; Bryan Fuller, with his moisturizing gloves and dog pile; Bryan Cranston being moody AF; the recreation of Herb Ritts' iconic 1989 naked supermodel huddle, done with the cast of JACKA\*\*; Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, from way back when they were on Comedy Central, naturally; the morning after Bob Saget's drug-fueled romp with a furry; Kevin Hart being pulled along the beach by a Great Dane/small pony; the acid trip-like John Leguizamo montage; and Denis Leary feeding a barnyard full of Chihuahuas? I don't know what's going on there, but I want in. (I'm a crazy dog lady, can you tell?) Oh, and Jeff Garlin on the treadmill in the middle of the forest? Strangely endearing, if only because I could imagine Murray Goldberg doing something stubbornly nonsensical like that. (Dear ABC, please publish his attempt at scrapbooking on the

internets. TIA!) Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner sharing an embrace is hecka sweet, though I found myself wishing it was Sir Patrick Stewart and Sir Ian McKellen. Those two are my OTP of elderly white guys. Okay, so they're all kind of awesome. YOU NEED THIS BOOK. Get it, now! Then go buy a copy for your elderly grandmother / recently divorced mom / college aged, still-figuring-himself-out younger brother / amateur photographer aunt. Basically anyone and everyone, male or female, gay or straight, genderqueer or pansexual. It's silly, it's sexy, and it's even a little subversive. David Bowie would be right at home here.\*\* Full disclosure: I received a free copy of this book for review through Blogging for Books. \*\*

I love coffee table books and this one did not disappoint. The photography was brilliant and the captions telling the background of the photographs and subjects were interesting. Everyone who picked it up at my house thoroughly enjoyed it.

This is a gorgeous book of photos of American, males. The forward is hilarious and the tongue-in-cheek photos are far from the stuffy, formal celebrity shots we're used to. I look forward to more photo books by Robert Trachtenberg!

I gave it as a gift to a talented photographer, who said it was great!

This book is filled with beautiful pictures. It's definitely worth getting.

Beautiful and comical photos. I love this book.

This is a cool gift to give for any occasion.

Great photography and nice coffee table book

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