

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Erwitt notebooks

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There are some juicy items in the upcoming [Christies photography auction](#), but it doesn't get any better than this:



Creator	ELLIOTT ERWITT (b. 1928)
Lot Title	Untitled (Notebook), c. 1950
Estimate	30,000 - 50,000 U.S. dollars
Lot Description	ELLIOTT ERWITT (b. 1928) Untitled (Notebook), c. 1950 30 gelatin silver prints mounted back to back in a spiral bound notebook signed and dated in ink (on the inside cover) varying sizes from 3 1/4 x 4 3/4 in. (8.2 x 12cm.) to 4 7/8 x 5 7/8 in. (12.5 x 15cm.)
Provenance	From the artist; to the present owner
Lot Notes	Elliott Erwitt produced four of these distinctive notebooks. One was given to Edward Steichen and is now in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York; the second was given to the present owner of lot 231; and two remain in the artist's personal collection.

6 Comments

1. were i a luminary figure in art history and i made a couple little notebooks and gave them to meaningful people, i think i'd be a little bummed to see one of them turn up for auction at christie's. but then again maybe i wouldn't care. or maybe this person is dead.

Comment by [Greg Wasserstrom](#) — April 13, 2007 @ [3:33 pm](#)

2. haha, good point.

Comment by [Dan Otranto](#) — April 13, 2007 @ [3:44 pm](#)

3. [a new] Personal Best: Photographs by Elliott Erwitt

On view in the Helen Copeland Gallery and the Adams Foundation Foyer. Organized by the Portland Art Museum and curated by Terry Toedtmeier, Curator of Photography.

Through 29 April 2007

Maybe worth a second look ?

An interview with Erwitt here:

http://www.portlandart.net/archives/2007/03/an_interview_wi_1.html

Comment by [Matt Niebuhr](#) — April 13, 2007 @ [11:22 pm](#)

4. hey – I've made a bunch of little hand-made photo books and given them to people – damn... I'm going to have to keep an eye on the auction houses now

Comment by [tim atherton](#) — April 13, 2007 @ [11:24 pm](#)

5. Wow, thats pricey. Will my Epsoms test strips make me any money in the future?...

Comment by [Riemann](#) — April 15, 2007 @ [1:07 pm](#)

6. it look so cool object, unseen photo for Mr Erwitt...Respect...If I have right know 50000 dollards I will buy something else more eat'able...but where can we see other scan of this hand made book?

Comment by [Olivier](#) — May 14, 2007 @ [11:39 am](#)