

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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why am I doing this?

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A few weeks ago my wife gave birth to our 2nd child. Me thinks I won't be leaving the house much for awhile. I doubt I'll have an abundance of time to write, but I am hungry for a bit of interaction with the world (albeit virtual).

11 Comments

1. Alec, I would like to thank you for naming your second child after me! Honestly, I thought you should have done this for the first one, but better late than never. William Greiner

Comment by [William Greiner](#) — September 6, 2006 @ [5:58 pm](#)

2. wow, i am so glad that you have a blog, now i dont ever have to call you again!
your picture of kari and you dressed in full gear preparing to enter the field of chimp sh#*t flinging is truely wonderful. i am going to miss thinking of kari's face becoming as red as her hair afer she mistakenly exposes herself conversationally.
anyway buddy the kid looks great – would have a more promising futrure with wiley but oh well.

best
wiley (dik hed)

Comment by [wiley hoard](#) — September 6, 2006 @ [8:02 pm](#)

3. Alec,
congrats on the Paree shows and thanks for being a cool artist who actually writes back!

Comment by [J.M. Giordano](#) — September 6, 2006 @ [9:00 pm](#)

4. Dear Alec, thank you very much for the invitation to your blog. I like the way you started with the first lines and pictures. It fits to the "gestalt" I have from you and your kind of photography. With great pleasure I'm looking forward to your next year's Jeu de Peaume exhibition – Paris is just around the corner by the high speed train between the Rhine and La Seine. Best Wishes from Cologne!

Comment by [Heinz Bossert](#) — September 7, 2006 @ [2:03 am](#)

5. I met you last year at Photo LA, assisting you at your lecture. I liked how humble and accessible you were. This blog, along with your work, is another proof at how connected with "normal" people like me you are.

Looking forward to reading more of your thoughts; keep up the good and inspirational work.

Comment by [Raoul](#) — September 7, 2006 @ [3:46 pm](#)

6. Shut in or not, I'm glad to see and hear more from you. Hearing more about your editorail work will be interesting as well.

Congratulations on the new little life. I wish you the best.

Comment by [Davin](#) — September 8, 2006 @ [10:00 am](#)

7. Alec,
it's great to be able to share your thoughts and life through the blog. Nice work!
Congrats on August Soth. Our son Tobias August "Augie" Benn turns 6 next month. You have good taste in boy's names....
Call us when you are in New York. Cheers!
Nathan

Comment by [Nathan Benn](#) — September 8, 2006 @ [12:38 pm](#)

8. As a recent father all I have to say is congratulations..... you will not be getting out much – nor will you want to!

Thank you also for your work and now the blog. I follow both and am enlightened by each.

Thank you Simon

Comment by [simon bannister](#) — September 8, 2006 @ [1:28 pm](#)

9. Congratulations with the birth of your son William. All the best for you and your family. The americans say William, Bill and Dick is the same. As a european i still do not get that point. Anyway, if it's all in the name; William Eggleston and Alec Soth good be a interesting mix.

Comment by [dick](#) — September 10, 2006 @ [4:20 am](#)

10. Hi Alec,

I'm a big fan of your work and only today discovered your weblog. I was at a talk on self publishing the other day where somebody mentioned your dummy which was then picked up by Steidl. Just wondering if you have any details of putting a dummy together or any books/websites/info which you found helpful? I've had a few attempts but they all look pretty terrible, to be honest.

I recently had a show in Ireland but couldn't produce a catalogue/book due to budget restraints but I'm hoping to put something together myself in the future. Thanks for any tips.

Good luck with everything

Tadhg

Comment by [Tadhg Devlin](#) — September 10, 2006 @ [1:23 pm](#)

11. Tadhg, I think there are a lot of places to produce cheap web books. I know Stephen Shore has cranked out a bunch of Apple ibooks:

<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/features/books.html>

But I always make injet prints and take them to a bindery. I use Campbell-Logan in Minneapolis:

<http://www.campbell-logan.com/>

Comment by [Alec Soth](#) — September 10, 2006 @ [11:39 pm](#)