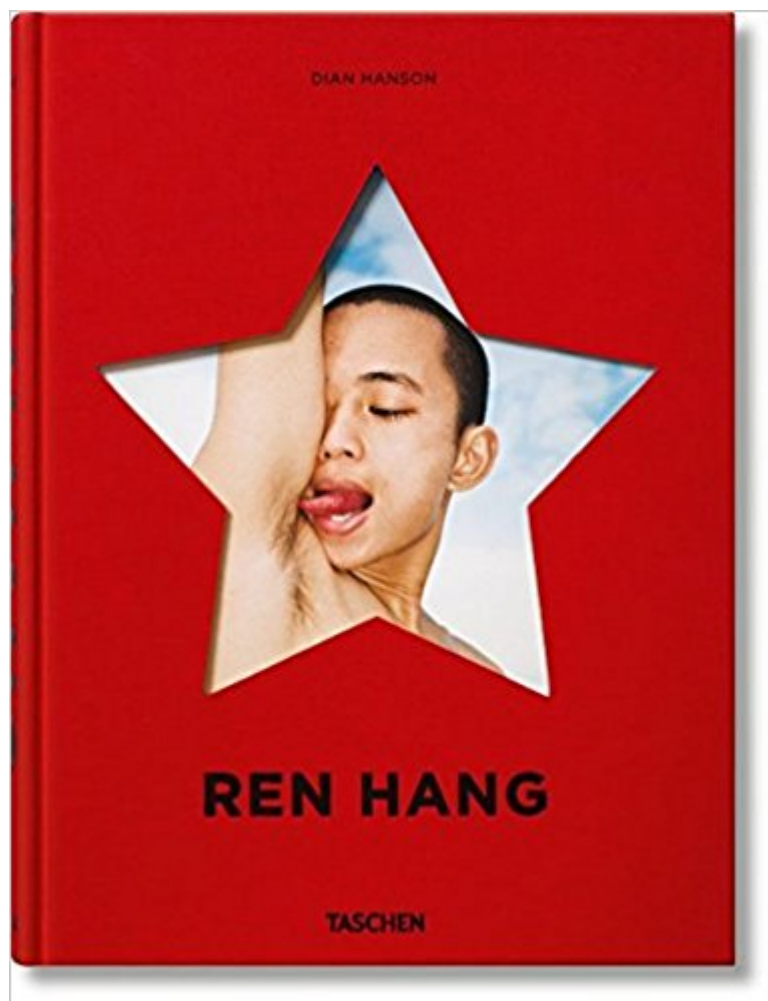


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# Ren Hang



## Synopsis

Hang, well hung Chinese photographer Ren lets it all Hang out Ren Hang, who took his life February 23, 2017 is an unlikely rebel. Slight of build, shy by nature, prone to fits of depression, the 28-year-old Beijing photographer was nonetheless at the forefront of Chinese artists' battle for creative freedom. Like his champion Ai Weiwei, Ren was controversial in his homeland and wildly popular in the rest of the world. He said, "I don't really view my work as taboo, because I don't think so much in cultural context, or political context. I don't intentionally push boundaries, I just do what I do." • Why? Because his models, friends, and increasingly, fans, are naked, often outdoors, high in the trees or on the terrifyingly vertiginous rooftops of Beijing, stacked like building blocks, heads wrapped in octopi, body cavities sprouting phone cords and flowers, whatever enters his mind at the moment. He denies his intentions are sexual, and there is a clean detachment about even his most extreme images: the urine, the insertions, the many, many erections. In a 2013 interview VICE magazine asked, "there are a lot of dicks" | do you just like dicks? • Ren responded, "It's not just dicks I'm interested in, I like to portray every organ in a fresh, vivid and emotional way." • True though that may be, the penises Ren photographed are not just fresh and vivid, but unusually large, making one wonder just where he met his friends. In the same piece, Hang also stated, "Gender isn't important when I'm taking pictures, it only matters to me when I'm having sex," making him a pioneer of gender inclusiveness. Young fans still eagerly flock to his website, Facebook, Instagram, and Flickr accounts. His photographs, all produced on film, have been the subject of over 20 solo and 70 group shows in his brief six-year career, in cities as disparate as Tokyo, Athens, Paris, New York, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Vienna, and yes, even Beijing. He self-published 16 monographs, in tiny print runs, that now sell for up to \$600. TASCHEN's Ren Hang is his only international collection, covering his entire career, with well-loved favorites and many never-before-seen photos of men, women, Beijing, and those many, many erections. We take solace remembering Ren's joy when he first held the book, shared by his long-time partner Jiaqi, featured on the cover. Text in English, French, and German

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## Customer Reviews

“Controversial, sexy, surreal” it can only be Ren Hang, our favourite Chinese photographer, who is getting the overdue monograph treatment with this new book from TASCHEN. • (i-D magazine, London) “flipping through [Ren Hang], it’s easy to see why his work has captured the world’s attention.” • (VICE.com, New York) “...it’s not all about provocation and cheery phallocentricity: indeed, as the cover of the beautiful new TASCHEN book of Hang’s work, Ren Hang, suggests, it’s about intimacy and detachment in all their strange and multifarious forms.” • (anothermag.com, London) “[Ren Hang] is a photo book equivalent of a can’t-stop page-turner and one of the most refreshing global debuts we’ve seen lately. [â] Few books have captured our attention as Hang’s has, for his fresh approach and eager eye, use of color, fluid and occasionally head-scratching compositions, expression and mystique.” • (Cool Hunting, New York)

Ren Hang was born in Changchun, Jilin Province, China, in 1987, and currently lives in Beijing.

Oddly fascinating, naturalistic and also completely artificial at once

Extraordinary erotic photos. Stunningly inventive and charming. So sad he ended his life. He was an enormous talent.

RIP to one of my favorite photographers of all time...

Rip ren hang ã ã ã™ã•ã ã ã^

I've felt his pain.

Great! On time! Art 100% love it! I got it for my Husband's bday present and he loved it!

The gem who will be missed.

Ren Hang's work speaks for itself, and is the reason behind this 5 star rating. It is a shame, however, that Dian Hanson's facile introduction ignores the complexities of this work and instead reduces it to mere shock photography (despite her claims otherwise). She even admits to using google translate (hardly a reliable translator!) in interpreting his poetry, and this laziness shows through glaringly. Her "translation" utterly misconstrues the original Mandarin. Sad that this is the only widely available english language introduction to his work, but then again Taschen hardly has a good track record when it comes to critical writing.

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