



photobooks

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I lampans sken / By Lamplight

- Journal has published another one of their gems – last year at Paris Photo they presented six impressive new books, mostly by unknown photographers. *By Lamplight* is the photographic work of a carer for the elderly, whom he visits to help in their daily chores, as part of a Swedish governmental program. The photographs allow for contingency; they are portraits of elderly people, warm, curious and caring images, and are not concerned – indeed neither is the book – to provide any concept for the necessity to publish them. It rests with us to feel and gain from these relationships between photographer and sitters, to understand their lives and imagine ourselves in their place. Clearly nobody wants to imagine themselves being old and in need of help, their lives behind them, but the book's generous spirit invites us and helps us to do just that. A demure book, with the title engraved, upside down, on beige linen, with which I do not regret having spent my time.

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