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**Ormond Gigli** had an illustrious career as a photojournalist over the course of some 40 years and took many magnificent photographs—but one photograph has eclipsed all the others. It was a photograph he conceived for himself, without an editorial assignment. It is the incomparable "Girls in the Windows" of 1960.

*Girls in the Windows: And Other Stories* is the first book to survey the work of Ormond Gigli and escorts the viewer behind the façade of that incredible photograph—to understand its genesis and to celebrate its remarkable achievement—in addition to creating a portal into the rest of Gigli's brilliant career. This beautifully illustrated volume showcases Gigli's celebrity and fashion photographs, and includes his innovative work in the worlds of theater, film, and dance, as well as his little-known travel photography and photojournalism. Gigli, a master of photo art direction, orchestrated his photo shoots like an accomplished film director, and his portraits are intimate and revealing as a result, his set work inventive and at times even playful. His engagement with his subjects was unparalleled, among whom are included Sophia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida, Anna Moffo, Anita Ekberg, Marcel Duchamp, Willem de Kooning, John F. Kennedy, Halston, Marlene Dietrich, Leslie Caron, Judy Garland, Liza Minnelli, Barbra Streisand, Laurence Olivier, Alan Bates, Richard Burton, Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, and many more.

Many of these images have not been widely seen since they were first published decades ago. In addition to the photographs, Gigli contributes his personal account of the making of many of the pictures, evoking long-ago encounters that resulted in such timeless images. This handsome volume highlights a significant body of work, captures a vital aspect of the great age of photojournalism, and places in context an iconic image of the postwar era at the height of its prosperity and on the verge of transformation.

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