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Within Shadows

Photographs by Susan Burnstine

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Turning the pages of *Within Shadows* is like secretly peering into Burnstine's (very detailed) private journal. I almost feel as though I may have experienced a similar dream, or was it a distant memory? Burnstine guides us on a journey through her haunting night terrors in chapters. In the included interview, by Russell Joslin (Shots magazine), she explains how the chapters each have their own methodology in depicting symbolism, metaphors, emotions, and finally the struggle to awaken.

Although the work is derived from a dark subconscious place, I can't help but see the deeply seeded sense of enlightenment that comes to the surface in the images. Burnstine's masterful use of light, hand-crafted image capture and overall esthetic are rounded off in this hard-cover, square-format book. 45 duotones are included and for the price and quality I'd say this is a steal, don't be surprised if she sells out by the end of year.