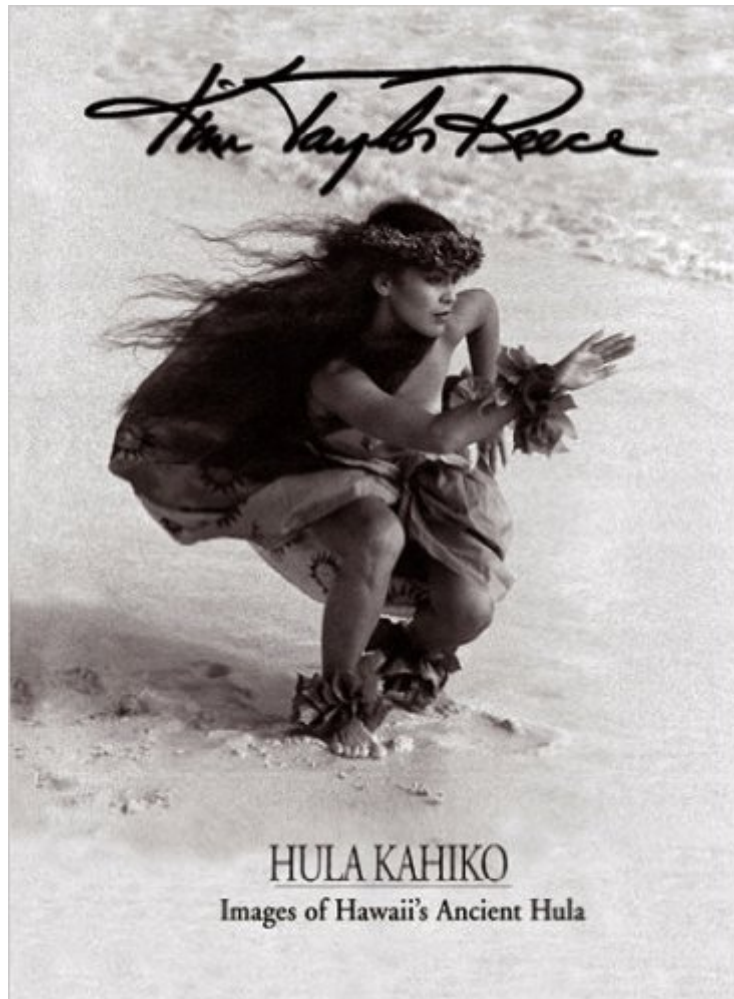


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A photography book like this has a number of factors to address in a review. On all counts, Kim Taylor Reese (KTR) excels. The technique is black and white still photography. KTR's work is a seminal study in the truism that while there is no perfect color, there is perfect black & white. He captures a balance of clarity and graininess, light and dark that indicate first rate tools (cameras and film), brilliant photography, and technical excellence in the darkroom. It would be easy to say that B&W is a limiting technique, but KTR gives lie to this. His work incorporates people as the centerpiece, the main focus of the image and incredible landscapes as the backdrops, and does both well. The composition of his photos in this book always starts with the dancer, the people in the image, usually centered and in a natural setting. The settings can be austere, like a oceanscape on a calm day, or busy, like the point where a beach meets a tropical forest with areas of calm and chaos intermingled. Simple, but powerful, keeping the attention of the viewer centered on the dancer while acknowledging the natural beauty of Hawai'i. The hula dancers, male and female, are the subjects. All of the models are clearly masters and mistresses of their discipline and have been practicing for many years. The power of the women and the grace of the men cannot be overstated. I'm not particularly inspired by men, but ladies of my acquaintance assure me that the male dancers are very inspiring. The lady dancers are stunningly beautiful although not in the fashion magazine, malnourished, substance abuser style that dominates European and American media. They are

muscular, graceful, feminine, poised, and convey a sense of personal power and balance that is without equal.

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