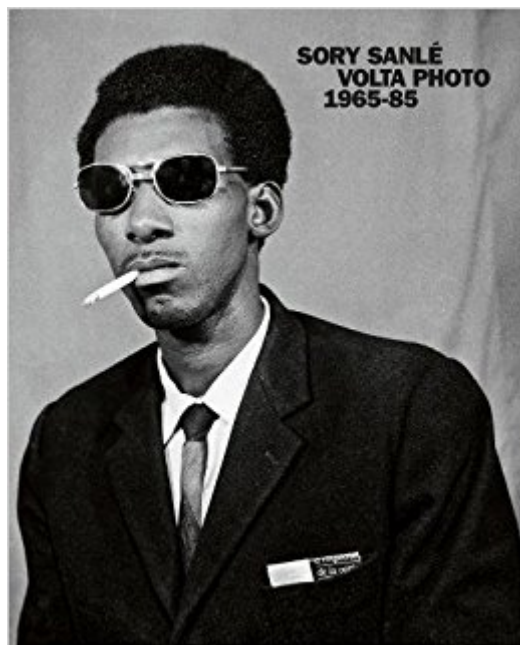


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Burkina Faso photographer Sory SanlÃ© (born 1943) started his career in 1960, the year his country (then named RÃ©publique de Haute-Volta) gained independence from France. SanlÃ© opened his Volta Photo portrait studio in 1965 and, working with his Rolleiflex twin-lens, medium-format camera, Volta Photo was soon recognized as the finest studio in the city. Voltaic photographyâ€™s unsung golden age is fully embodied by Sory SanlÃ©: his black-and-white images magnify this era and display a unique cultural energy and social impact. This is the first monograph on SanlÃ©â€™s work, which examines the natural fusion between tradition and modernity. SanlÃ© documented the fast evolution of Bobo-Dioulasso, then Burkina Fasoâ€™s cultural and economic capital, portraying the cityâ€™s inhabitants with wit, energy and passion. His work conveys a youthful exuberance in the wake of the first decades of African independence. In many ways, SanlÃ©â€™s subjects also illustrate the remoteness and melancholy of African cities landlocked deep in the heart of the continent. â€œMr. SanlÃ©â€™s work documenting the cultural scene is reminiscent of that by Malick SidibÃ© and Seydou Keita ... and now it is his turn to be lionized.â€• â€”The New York Times

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