



## Bieke Depoorter – The Beds I Slept In

**Bieke Depoorter**

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- New book by Magnum member Bieke Depoorter, taking us back to her iconic work, one decade after
- Travels through Russia, the United States, and Egypt
- Intimate work, never intended for publication
- Instagram Link [https://www.instagram.com/p/DYUDC7uiHBw/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DYUDC7uiHBw/?img_index=1)

Between 2008 and 2016, Magnum photographer **Bieke Depoorter** traveled through Russia, the United States, and Egypt, asking random people if she could spend the night in their homes. Day after day, different people prepared a bed for her – on air mattresses, couches, carpets, on the ground, in living rooms, or kitchens. A decade later, she happened upon the hundreds of images she had taken of these beds, which were never intended for publication, and wondered if she had been collecting evidence. This book is the compelling result.

**Bieke Depoorter** earned a master's degree in photography at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Ghent in 2009. Three years later, at 25 years old, she was made a nominee of the photo cooperative Magnum Photos, where she was named a full member in 2016. Depoorter has won several awards and honors, including the Magnum Expression Award, The Larry Sultan award and the Prix Levallois. Last year, she was nominated for the prestigious Deutsche Börse Foundation Photography Prize with her solo exhibition *Chance Encounter* at C/O Berlin. She exhibits internationally and has published six books: *Ou Menya, I am About to Call it a Day, As it May Be, Sète#15* and *X*. This last book was recognized as one of MoMA's favorite photobooks of 2021. *Blinked Myself Awake* was published in November 2024