



# Raymond Cauchetier's New Wave

**Raymond Cauchetier**

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- Featuring arguably the greatest images of the French New Wave cinema; many images have never been seen before
- First ever monograph in English devoted to the film photography of Raymond Cauchetier
- Foreword by Philippe Garner; text by Raymond Cauchetier
- His photographs "are themselves central works of the New Wave" - Aperture
- "I've never received the slightest advice from a professional. I've always improvised and invented what I needed to do with my own inspiration. Is that why some people think my photos never look like other people's?" - Raymond Cauchetier

In the late 1950s and early 1960s French New Wave cinema exploded onto international screens with films like *Les quatre cents coups*, *A bout de souffle* and *Jules et Jim*. They were radical, artistic, original and most importantly set up the director as a creative genius; at the forefront were Francois Truffaut and Jean-Luc Godard. Today these films are credited with changing cinema forever. For many film goers they command strong and passionate respect and became the foundations on which a lifetime of cinema-going is built. In the photographs of Raymond Cauchetier we bear witness to the great artistic genius that was central to the process of making these films. Cauchetier's photographs are a culturally important documentary of the director at work, his methods and processes. His photographs capture some of the most memorable moments in film; Jean-Paul Belmondo and Jean Seberg on the Champs Élysées in *A bout de souffle*, Jeanne Moreau in the race scene of *Jules et Jim*, Anna Karina in a Parisian Cafe in *Une femme est une femme*.

But Cauchetier's genius lies also in the fact that his photographs are far above just a visual record of these films. They clearly show the same spirit, the same freedom and the same originality that made The New Wave so important. Cauchetier's photographs are as much a part of The New Wave as the films themselves. In the words of Richard Brody: In these images, Raymond Cauchetier, a witness to art, made art by bearing true witness. This is the first book published in English featuring the New Wave film photographs of Raymond Cauchetier.

