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Dark Beauty features 100 rarely seen or published photographs of New Mexico taken by Jack Parsons over the last 35 years. It is a very personal, elegiac vision of the state where he has made his home since the 1970s. These photographs reveal a deep understanding and reverence for a place whose rich, complex history, unique multiculturalism, and unparalleled beauty continue to captivate residents and tourists alike.



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