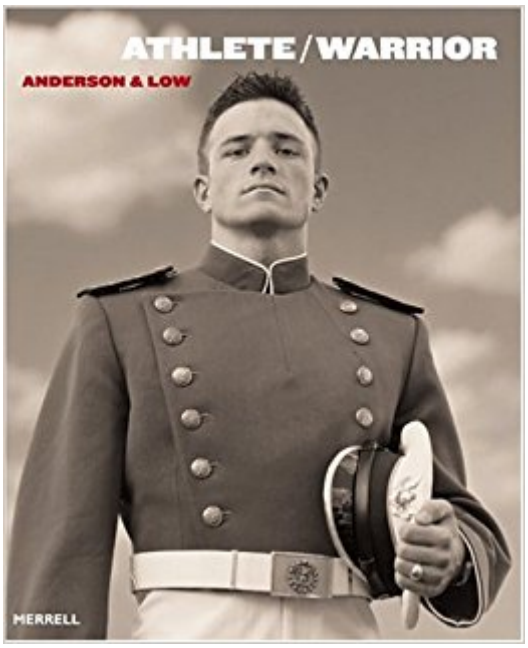
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Synopsis

Powerful photographs by internationally acclaimed photographers Anderson & Low of young men and women who are training for both the sports field and the battlefield while studying at America's three famed military academies - West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs Arresting juxtapositions of cadets in their military dress - from formal to fatigues - and in the uniforms of their chosen sports, including swimming, track events, football, gymnastics and basketball, among others, reveal subtle similarities and differences between the roles assumed by such disciplined and dedicated individuals A modern interpretation of the hero as represented by the classically inspired iconography of the athlete and the warrior Accompanies an exhibition showing in Los Angeles, New York, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta Handsomely designed and beautifully produced

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Anderson & Low - the award-winning partnership of photographers Jonathan Anderson and Edwin Low - was established in 1990. Their wide-ranging body of work includes portraiture, architecture, sports and landscape, and is represented in museums and private collections worldwide. They are the author of two previous books, Athletes and Gymnasts (Twin Palms Publishers, 2002, two-volume slipcase edition ISBN 1931885044

"Athlete/Warrior" is filled with an excellent assortment of male and female cadets both in uniform and in sports attire. The locations are varied and interesting. The juxtaposing images add a great

deal to the visual enjoyment of the book. Very well done.

Anderson and Low are photographers who have earned their credentials in their craft. The concept of juxtaposing images of men and women in military training in US Military Academy, West Point, the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs in both their uniformed regalia and their sports outfits makes a good point: basic training is not dissimilar on many levels from athletic training for competition. It is the sport that comes through as well as the team spirit.For this viewer the aspect that weakens the portfolio is the static sense to the images. Granted the photographers are not utilizing buff models to excite the viewer, this being more reportage than art, but the photographic choices tend to become bland in lighting and composition - traits not usually the case with these fine photographers. It feels as though shooting in military academies was under restraints as there is little of the potentially powerful erotic aspect of men and women preparing for careers in battle. It just feels a little hollow. Grady Harp, December 05

When you buy a book like this as a gift for a West Point graduate you may wonder whether you have done the right thing... - and so I did.The pictures are aesthetically pleasing. There is just enough of a homoerotic soupÃƒÆ'Ã Â§on to make this a pleasing book for those who indulge in the body beautiful. Never mind that; what about the mind?

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