MAGILE VAN IDIE WIERKEILIJIKIMEN ID

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In a sense *Delta* also concluded a period, because an age dawned at the end of the 1960s and the early 1970s of political and social upheavals and a growing concern with the environment, with its highpoint (or nadir?) in the 1972 Club of Rome Report on the limits to growth. The landscape largely vanished as a subject for photography, to return in the second half of the 1970s in conceptual art...

The Dutch Landscape: From Topography to New Nature, from The Dutch Photobook (Frits Gierstberg & Rik Suermondt)



Translated:

By using unusual weather conditions (mist, fog, rain, very late or very early light), unusual locations and technical aids (telephoto and wide-angle lenses, technically outdated optics in combination with modern cameras, forced film material) they succeed in polder landscape to give a personal vision...it takes the viewer of their art some effort in these shots to recognize the Dutch landscape, as he recalls from his own observation.

Foreword by Henk Pen

opgaand in hun gegraas

horen ze niets van het geraas van de trein

vroeger schrokken ze nog

maar nu zijn ze wel wijzer

een trein is maar iets voorbijgaands

gras daarentegen iets blijvends ascending in their grains

they hear nothing from the roar from the train

back in the days they were still shocked

but now they are well wise

a train is only something out of the ordinary

grass, by contrast something permanent

opgaand in hun gegraas

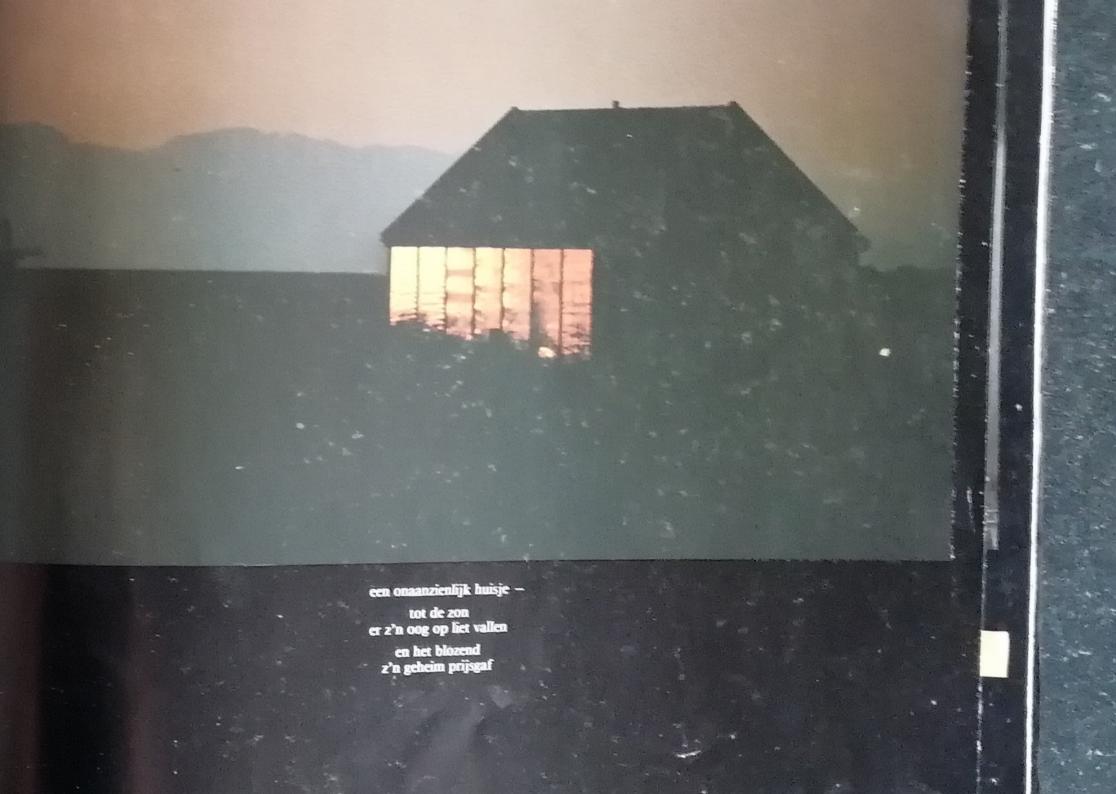
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A photobook is an autonomous art form, comparable with a piece of sculpture, play or a film. The photographs lose their own photographic character as things "in themselves" and become parts, translated into printing inks, of a dramatic event called a book.

- Ralph Prins, Dutch photography critic







Our primary criterion for the photobook is that it should be an extended essay in photographs, and that it follows its theme with "intention, logic, continuity, climax, sense and perfection", as Lincoln Kirstein put it. The photobook, in short, is the "literary novel" amongst photographic books.

The Photobook: A History (Martin Parr & Gerry Badger)