

"The purpose of a room derives from the special nature of a room. A room is inside. This is what people in rooms have to agree on, as differentiated from lawns, meadows, fields, orchards."

Don DeLillo, *White Noise*

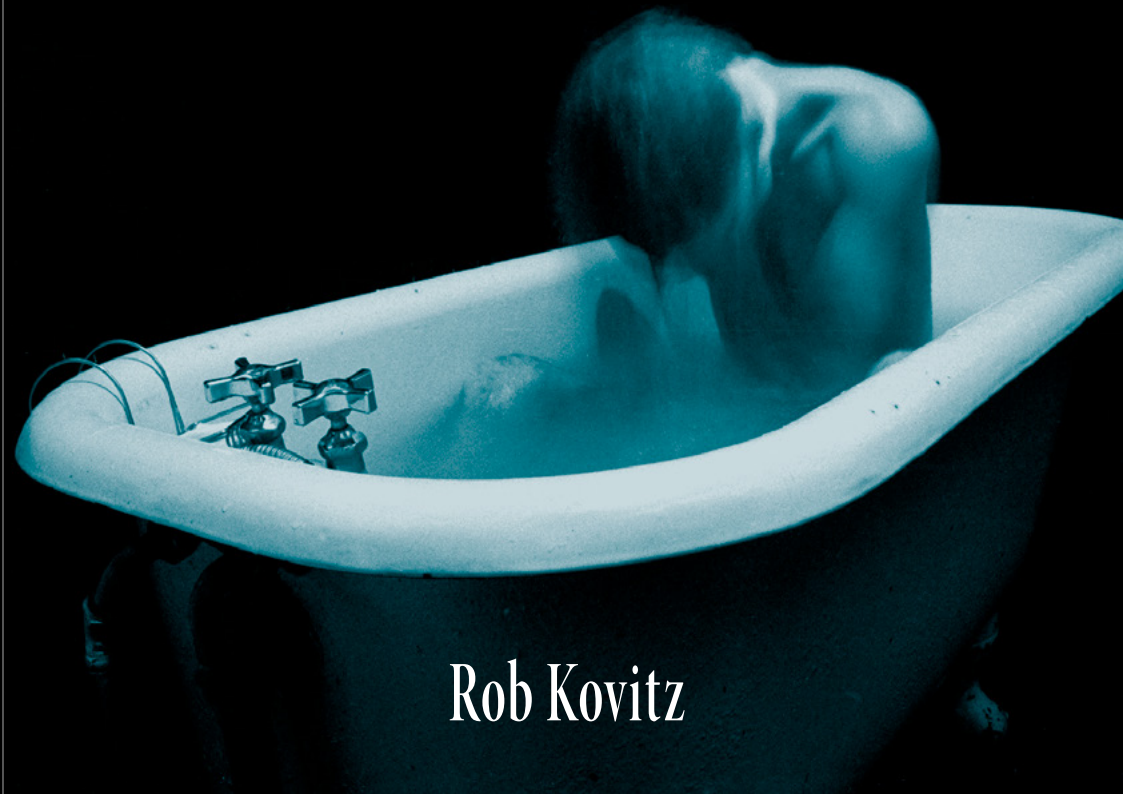
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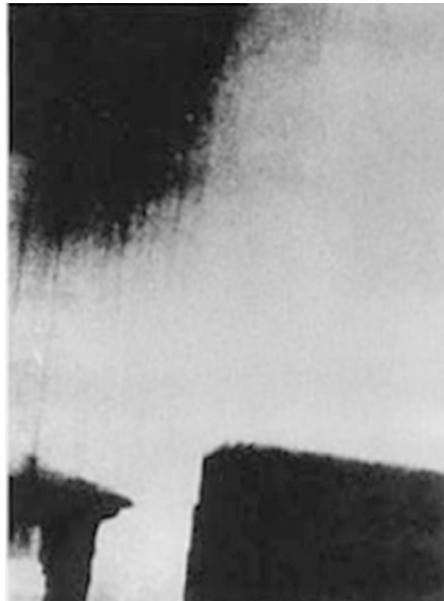
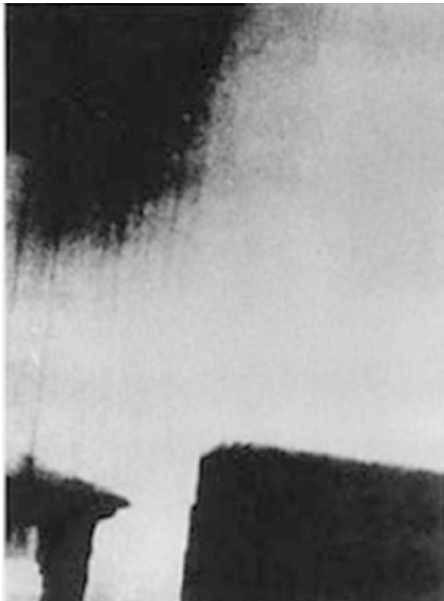


Rob Kovitz

“By coming in here, you agree to a certain behavior,” Mink said.
“What behavior?”
“Room behavior.”

Don DeLillo, White Noise





Mary Lucier, Polaroid Projection Series

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Method and Theory

He was entering a room. Most stately. Nothing to be alarmed. Faces watched him through the smoke. Must nod to each. Appear plausible.

Cormac McCarthy, Suttree



The seating arrangement at both kitchen and dining-room tables was rigidly adhered to. Dale always sat on the north end of both the dinette and dining-room tables. Jenny sat on the northwest side of the round dinette table and on the east side of the rectangular dining-room table. Bob sat on the east side of the dinette table and the west side of the dining-room table. Linda sat on the west side of the dinette table and south side of the dining-room table. The dining-room table was usually used only for Sunday dinner, or when there were guests.

*Susan Kent, Analyzing Activity Areas: An
Ethnoarchaeological Study of the Use of Space*



The decision of the room is a commitment. It is an old and venerable tradition. One which cannot be taken lightly.

Eldon Garnet, I Shot Mussolini



In the room there is the air
and there is the corner
and there is the corner and there is the corner
and there is the corner.

If you don't shake, don't get no cake.

Michael Ondaatje, Coming Through Slaughter

