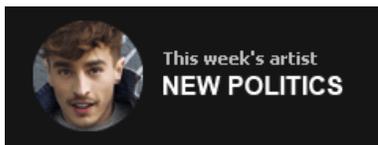


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On Thursday morning (May 13), [Kanye West](#) took to his [website](#) to post a series of photographs taken from the upcoming book "Neverland Lost: A Portrait of [Michael Jackson](#)," which gives fans an intimate look at the late King of Pop's life through his expansive collection of pop art, clothing and artifacts.

The series of more than 60 shots — taken by acclaimed Swiss photographer Henry Leutwyler — showcases just a portion of Jackson's vast collection, but it's a fascinating glimpse nonetheless: gilded statues, cherubs carved from marble, oil paintings depicting Jackson as a medieval prince, Disney figurines. That's not to mention up-close shots of MJ's famous bejeweled military outfits, dance shoes with his name scrawled on the soles and rhinestone-covered gloves.

Included with the photographs on Kanye's site is a message from Leutwyler, which explains the impetus behind the "Neverland" book.

"It is said that the pharaohs built tombs to reveal their lives to future generations. Michael Jackson sacrificed his childhood to the calling of his musical gift," Leutwyler wrote. "Neverland was the pyramid he constructed to a lost childhood. The artifacts captured in this book return us to the Neverland he lost."

West — who, in recent months has been keeping a low profile as he finishes work on a [new album](#) — also added his own message, thanking Leutwyler for sharing the photographs with him and paying tribute to Jackson, a man he considers to be musical royalty.

"Thank you, Henry! I'm grateful to be premiering your photos. The book is an amazing document of Mike's treasures," West wrote. "His clothes, art, and artifacts express the essence of the greatest pop icon of our time. Mike truly was a King!"

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