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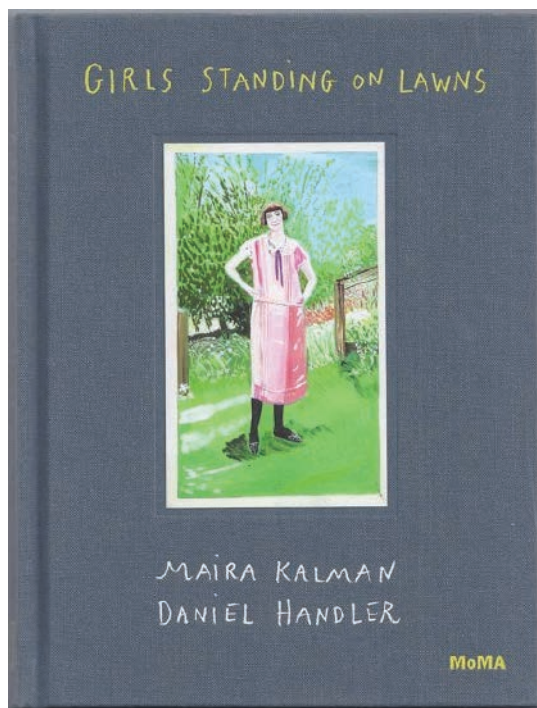


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## Books to Watch Out For: May

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*Girls Standing on Lawns* (MoMA), by Daniel Handler and Maira Kalman, out May 6th. This collaboration between the Museum of Modern Art, the artist and illustrator Kalman, and the author Handler (a.k.a. Lemony Snicket) is the result of a chain-reaction of creative whimsy: Kalman, a collector of vintage photographs, sent a selection of images of “girls standing on lawns” from MOMA’s vernacular photo collection to her friend Handler, who sent them back accompanied by his own poetic and humorous musings. Then Kalman created a series of watercolor paintings based on the photographs. The result is a charming typology and time capsule of girls in swimsuits or overcoats, black girls and white girls, girls posing resentfully, others mugging playfully, a few even standing on their heads. Handler’s first poem in the book, opposite a photo of a young woman in a casual white dress and a flipped hairdo, explains the project: “One morning / we found some photographs. / One morning / these girls stood on lawns. / We looked at the pictures, / and we got to work.”—R.A.