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"Reed Massengill's book *Uncovered: Rare Vintage Male Nudes* reveals a treasure trove of images by famous shutterbugs of the not-so-innocent '30s, '40s and '50s." ~*Time Out New York*

About the Author

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