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Shawn Mortensen sees it first. He appreciates the exceptional before it is recognized by the others. He is a first responder in the emergencies of culture. Glenn O'Brien Over the last fifteen years, Shawn Mortensen has photographed cutting-edge culture-makers while also revealing the gritty reality of urban street life and the world's political climate. Truly with his finger on the pulse, Mortensen took photographs of the in crowd before they were the in crowd. His subjects range from celebrities such as Gwen Stefani, Marcello Mastroianni, and Tupac Shakur to contemporary artists

like Raymond Pettibon, Brice Marden, and Francesco Clemente. Yet these portraits are juxtaposed with haunting photo essays on the Zapatista movement in Chiapas, Mexico; the ghettos of Jamaica; and the landscape of Mongolia often with startling results. Irreverent, sexy, and avant-garde, *Out of Mind* places Shawn Mortensen alongside the most important contemporary photographers.

About the Author Shawn Mortensen is a Los Angeles-based photographer who has been a regular contributor to *i-D Magazine* and has shot covers for *Spin* and *Vibe*. In addition to photographing well-known fashion campaigns and celebrities, he has documented his global travels in evocative photo essays. Mortensen is also an MTV video award-nominated music video director and an actor.