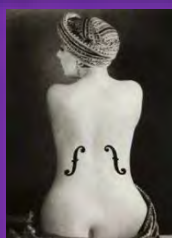
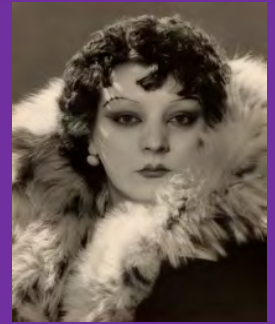


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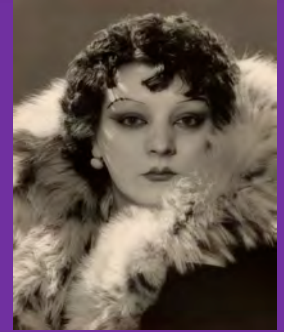


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The Extraordinary Life & Times of the Immortal yet Forgotten KIKI, "Queen of Montparnasse" - an Exposé & Graphic Novel -- Backstory from Author

It all began four years ago, trying to help a friend find a loan against a painting he represented by [Amedeo Modigliani](#). The lender asked me to research the Subject of the painting. I was planning to prepare a few pages. Although once I got started was so taken by Kiki life-story, I couldn't let go. A few pages has now turned into over 7,500 hours of intense research and file assembly {229 pgs.} Soon the journey would become truly a labor of love, an obsession, the spirit of Kiki with me throughout. An artist recreation of Modigliani's portrait of Kiki on the wall next to me. At times it felt as if Kiki was in the room, looking over my shoulder, guiding my keystrokes. Sometimes 24 and 48 hours sessions without sleep. I was caught up in the excitement of Kiki's remarkable story and extraordinary time in history. My wife thought I had lost my mind. Interspersed throughout the Exposé are 700+ carefully curated research links to explore. Many to very rare period films, photos, animation and interviews with art historians and curators. The content, other than the published articles was written based on my research.

Through an incredible twist of fate, I am now the exclusive representative of the painting of Kiki, **Sitting Nude with Crossed Hands**, (c.) 1917. Modigliani who died in 1920 {age 35} would never know his vivacious young model and favorite muse, [Alice Prin](#) would go on to become an icon in avant-guard/bohemian Paris during the roaring 1920s. Kiki is credited for being the "essential interlocutor" for two generations of Modigliani's peers. Artists today whose paintings are worth billions. Not a thought four years ago, but now the Exposé will serve as an important historical document on the Subject of Modigliani's masterwork. The painting will soon be on tour after which likely sold at a Christie's auction.

The Introduction on the following page is a warm-up to what readers will experience immersed in the content and stunning visuals. Another publication devoted to Kiki, {NY Times bestseller} **KIKI-MAN RAY** by Mark Braude has sold over 500,000 copies worldwide. By his own admission Mr. Braude's research picks up Kiki's story in 1922 when she was granted the first half of her title, **"Kiki de Montparnasse"** soon after meeting and falling in love with [Man Ray](#). The Exposé, albeit in a different format, fills the decade of Kiki's life from 1913-1922. Arguably the most influential/consequential years of Alice Prin's short life. A life well-lived that ended so tragically, without the recognition the **"Queen of Montparnasse"** so richly deserves *until now*.

A successful Paris line of lingerie, **Kiki de Montparnasse - Luxury Lingerie & Related Goods - The Brand** adopted Kiki's likeness and namesake. A proposal has been made to collaborate on the creation of a Deluxe Edition of their Catalog, A leather-bound version would include their models wearing an exclusive vintage line of lingerie targeted to their most loyal customers. Part of the proceeds would be donated to a foundation that is currently being established in Montparnasse. Its mission to support causes that if Kiki were alive today I believe she would have supported.

The release of the Exposé & Graphic Novel will be targeted initially to of Kiki's super-fans, by some estimates over a million strong. Most of whom subscribe to dozens of YouTube Channels that are all about Kiki in one way or another. The audio-book is planned for release in June of 2026 and will include a photo journal of the imagery to follow along with while listening. For social media we have arranged access to over 40 extremely rare films, many in French {w/English subtitles} from the 1920's. Several other rare films that are relatively unknown, filmed in the US, in Alice's later years, never widely distributed. The films will stream 24x7 free of charge to Exposé enthusiasts. Random visitors access a pay-per-view model. Many short films where Kiki played a role, she is not given mention in the official credits, most produced by Man Ray. I discovered them by watching every film that Man Ray ever produced and believe these films are not known to the public, especially to Kiki's fan base.

The Exposé is dedicated to my mom, may God rest her soul, who told me throughout my life, "Richard there is a book in you"



Black and White , Man Ray, 1926



Kiki with
Foujita in
Montparnasse
1926, photo
by Iwata
Nakayama

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Introduction

[Roaring 20's in Paris](#)—a dazzling epicenter of art, creativity, and rebellion. Amidst the extravagant cabarets, smoky studios, and streets alive with revolution, one name stood above all—[Kiki, "Queen of Montparnasse"](#) Kiki embodied the [Montparnasse Era](#), reaching iconic status. Kiki was a force of nature, credited for being *the* "essential interlocutor" for two generations of French Masters.

From the tender age of 16, [Alice Prin](#) became the inspiration and favorite muse/nude model for many of the greatest artists of all time, [Muse of a Thousand Faces](#). Her titles, [Kiki de Montparnasse](#) and [KIKI, "Queen of Montparnasse"](#) were granted to Alice after meeting and falling in love with [Man Ray](#) in 1922. Kiki was [Modigliani's](#) muse, the model behind Fujita's iconic nude portraits, and the subject of [Le Violon d'Ingres](#), Man Ray's world-famous photograph. The most expensive photo ever sold, an astonishing \$12.4 million at Christie's in 2022, (above left). Her likeness and namesake were the inspiration behind a successful line of French lingerie, [Kiki de Montparnasse - Luxury Lingerie & Related Goods - The Brand](#)

But her story goes far beyond the canvas or camera lens—Kiki was much more than an artist muse/model, she had a command over the avant-garde world in ways few ever could. She was a singer, dancer, cabaret performer, film actress, memoirist, and artist in her own right, compared to Matisse. In 1928 Ernest Hemingway, captivated by her charisma, wrote the forward to Kiki's [Memoirs](#) one of two in his lifetime, [Memoirs II](#). Hemingway wrote ["Kiki dominated the Era of Montparnasse more than Queen Victoria ever dominated the Victorian Era"](#). The two also shared a brief affair. Kiki maintains a cultish-like following around the world with over a million super-fans, but her life and legacy have largely been erased from history...

Until Now... this groundbreaking eBook is your invitation to discover Kiki's remarkable life. Over 700 meticulously curated Research Links...you'll gain access to **Exclusive Content** including:

- 34-pgs devoted to the discovery of a painting that led to uncovering a relationship between Kiki and Modigliani lost to history for 110-yrs
- Rare photography, archival film footage never seen before, links to over 20 1920's short films starring Kiki. Many never attributed to Kiki as Man Ray, other directors left her out of the film credits
- Never-before-seen features from [Vogue](#) and [Life Magazine](#)
- The untold stories of Kiki's relationships with legends like Hemingway, Picasso, Man Ray, Kisling, and Amedeo Modigliani
- The glittering world of 1920s Paris - [Montparnasse's cafés](#), cabarets, and the of artists who defined an Era, dubbed the ["Lost Generation"](#) [How People Lived in Bohemian Paris | Midnight in Paris | 1920s - Produced 2024 - 27-min](#). The central figure in the film is Kiki de Montparnasse

This Exposé isn't just a Biography—it's an experience...each page bursts with color and life, blending stunning visuals, riveting stories, and discoveries only made possible through thousands of hours of research and AI tools. What you'll receive when you order:

- **Audio Book** w/accompanying **Picture Book** to follow along page-by-page as the book is being read
- 220-page e-Book - both books are a rich, vibrant journey into Kiki's life, art, and legacy bringing Kiki's story to life in a powerful, immersive way
- Kiki Supplement Pages **KISP** - Weekly updates featuring newly uncovered rare photos, videos, and personal anecdotes. Your access grows as new materials come to light - Your first **KISP** will be automatically sent when you place your order
- Bonus **Modigliani Commemorative Poster 36" x 24"** first 10,000 copies - shipped with **Exclusive Link** to our **Private YouTube Channel** - 24-hr Streaming of all Rare Films, animation & Interviews - many already linked in the Exposé
- 10% from each sale will be donated to a charity in Kiki's honor, specific charities available on website after April 15 - several in Montparnasse

Why you cannot miss this....

Kiki story isn't just about art... it's about resilience, passion, and living life unapologetically. Despite being an inspiration for the artist styles for some of the greatest painters of all time, Kiki's name was almost eliminated from history. No children, no living relatives to carry on her legacy. This Exposé and Graphic Novel brings her back to life, ensuring her story is told the way it so richly deserves.

Mark Braude, author of the [NYT bestselling 2022 "Kiki Man Ray"](#), calls her the ["Forgotten Star"](#) of the 20th century. Now, with over 1,000,000 super-fans around the world, the time is right for Kiki's reemergence and rediscovery.

Take the first step....

"The Extraordinary Life & Times of Kiki, "Queen of Montparnasse" is more than an Exposé—it's your ticket to an astonishing time and place. From artists to history buffs, anyone with a love for culture, creativity, and courage will be mesmerized by Kik's life story. We hope you enjoy your journey into the life of one of the most captivating women in history.

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To: Richard Triberg <richard@localheros.net>

Subject: Re: The Extraordinary Life & Times of the Immortal yet Forgotten KIKI, "Queen of Montparnasse"
- An Exposé & Graphic Novel

Dear Richard,

A pleasure meeting you in Paris.

Thank you very much for sharing such interesting and detailed information about your Final Draft Exposé and Graphic Novel.

It is impressive to see how much thought, research, and planning has gone into the project. I truly appreciate the extraordinary amount of time you have dedicated to studying Kiki's life, gathering the materials, assembling the files, and preparing the publication. The scale of the work — both in terms of research and production — is remarkable, and it clearly reflects a deep personal commitment to preserving and presenting Kiki's story.

I wish you, your literary agent, and everyone involved great success with the launch and with all the next steps. I look forward to hearing more and receiving further updates.

Best regards,

Professor Otto Urban Ph.D.



Otto M. Urban is a Czech art historian, art critic, curator, editor, university lecturer. He is the current chief curator at the DOX Center for Contemporary Art and former curator at the National Museum in Prague. Professor Urban specializes in modern and contemporary art, mainly the art of the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. He studied at the Philosophical Faculty of Charles University in Prague, where he received a doctorate in the history of art in 2000. In addition to curatorial and publishing activities, he is also involved in pedagogical activities.

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