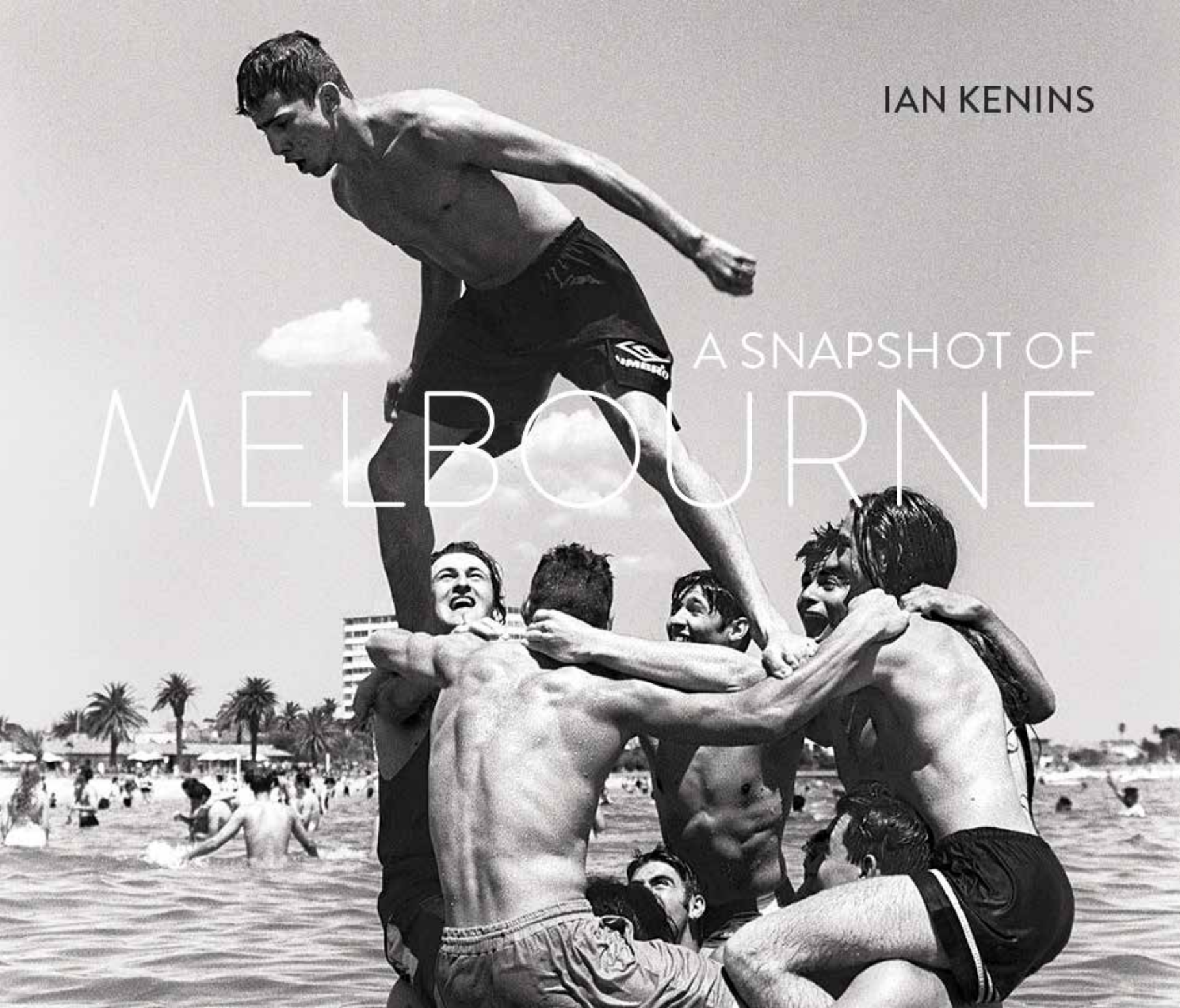


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A SNAPSHOT OF
MELBOURNE



INTRODUCTION

One of the great things about cities is their diversity. Melbourne, due to a range of factors, is blessed with more diversity than most. In the busy, caffeine-flavoured inner city precincts of Fitzroy, Richmond, Collingwood, et al., the hip and wealthy, and those who aspire to be, share shopping strips with elderly, working class migrants who were once the area's main inhabitants. In the outer suburbs, larger, family-filled homes line broad streets where children, if they're not in front of their computers, might be seen playing in gardens or on nature strips. Then there are public places like the Queen Victoria Market, Altona beach and St Kilda's Catani Gardens that are shared by myriad characters and cultures.

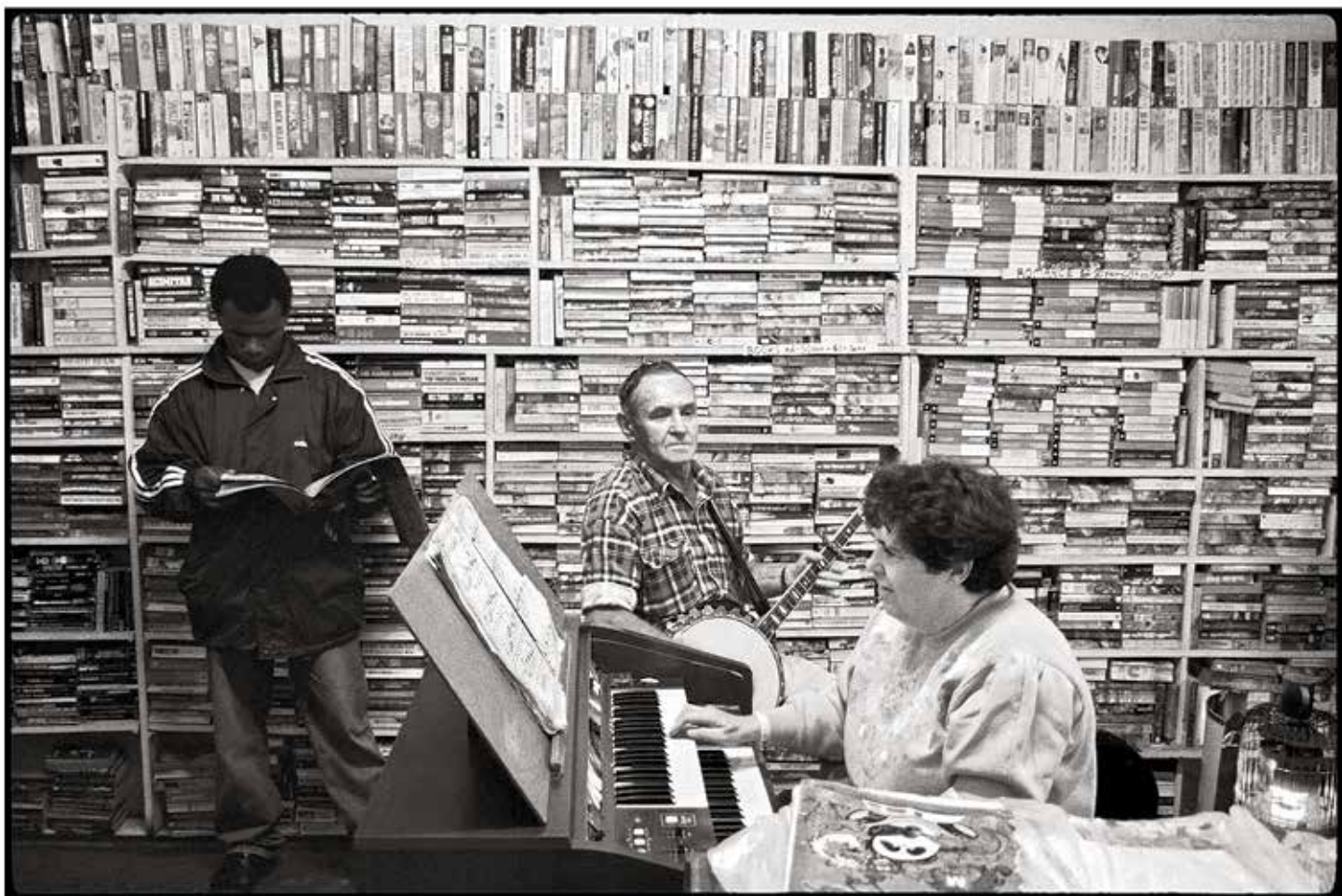




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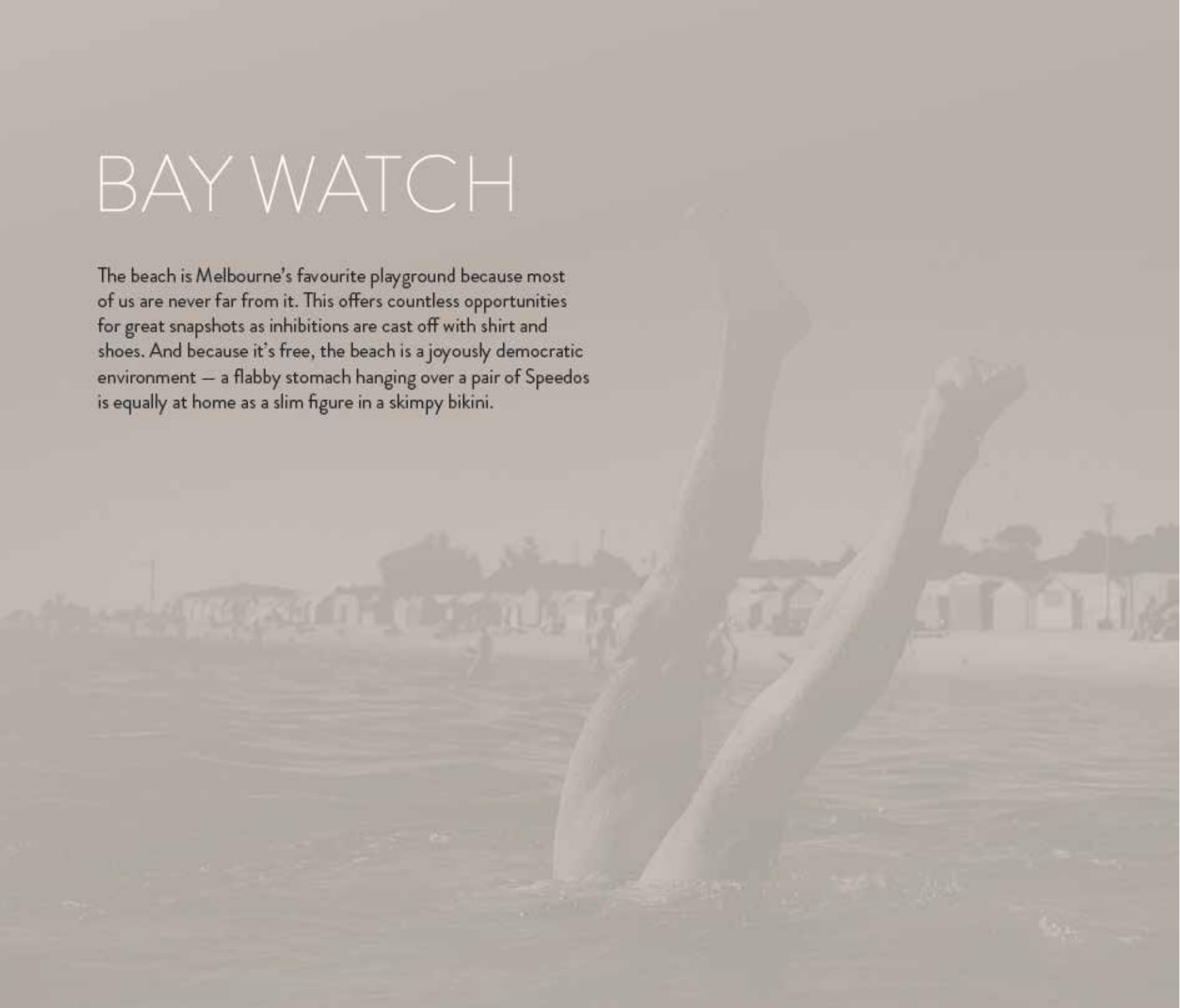
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Sydney Road, Brunswick

BAY WATCH

The beach is Melbourne's favourite playground because most of us are never far from it. This offers countless opportunities for great snapshots as inhibitions are cast off with shirt and shoes. And because it's free, the beach is a joyously democratic environment — a flabby stomach hanging over a pair of Speedos is equally at home as a slim figure in a skimpy bikini.





St Kilda



Flinders Street, Melbourne



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Elwood Canal



Melbourne Cricket Ground, Jolimont



Melbourne, like all cities, revolves around ordinary people going about their lives in everyday situations. But then a touch of humour, or innocence, or tenderness, or just the plain unusual has a way of intervening, proving that life can be fun no matter what we're doing or where we might be.

