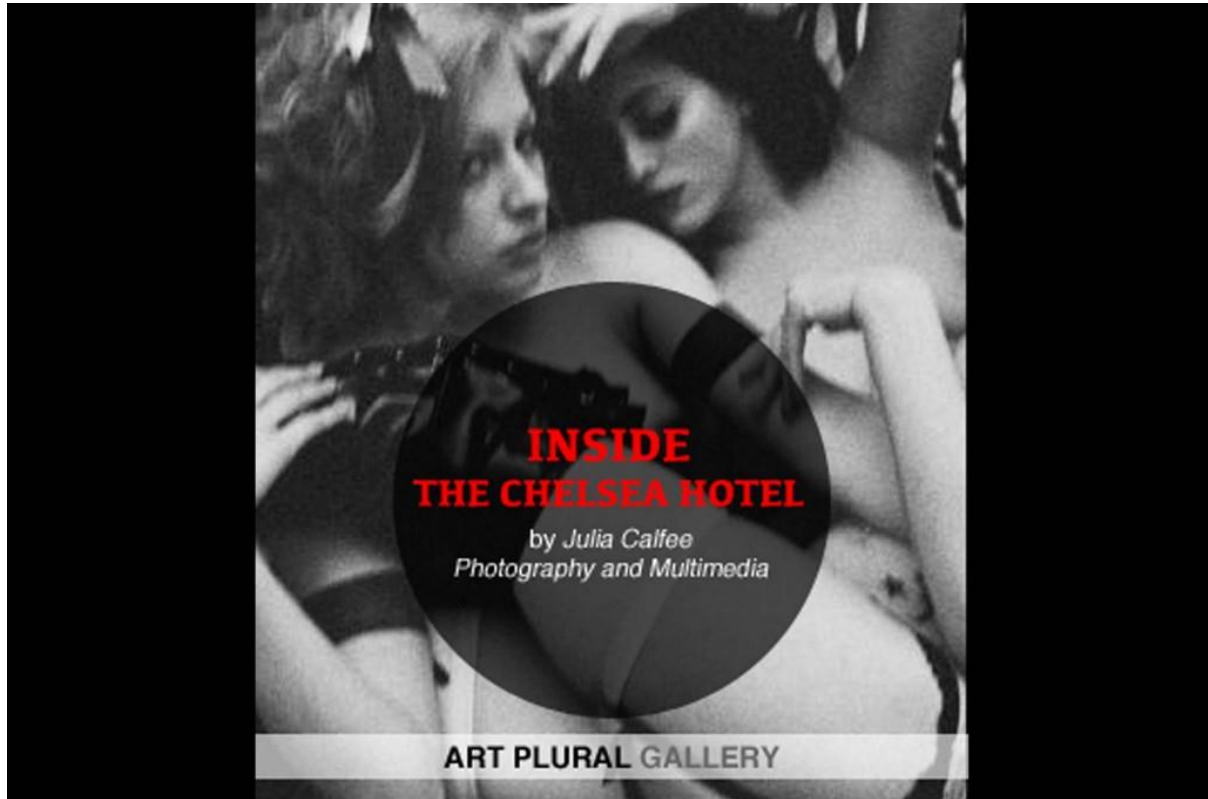


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Chelsea Hotel was where all the magic happened – the inhibited pathway to resurrection for some, and the ultimate route to destruction for others, but all would agree that it was the epitome to a form of liberty. [Julia Calfee](#) spent four years living in the hotel, unifying elements of the people who chose to live in the irresistibly magnetic structure and the ghosts who still lurk in its shadows. The American-born multi-media artist, photographer, writer and animator, worked in accordance with the anarchistic mood of the hotel; towards evoking atmospheres rather than describing situations, where she avoided any formal, posed portraits and the use of tripods or artificial lighting. In *Inside Chelsea Hotel*, [Calfee](#) depicts the strange atmosphere and lives of countless artists like Jimi Hendrix, William S. Burroughs, Stanley Kubrick, Mark Twain, Edith Piaf, Henri Cartier- Bresson, Jasper Johns, Jack Kerouac, Willem de Kooning, Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan who were all equally drawn to the spirit of this unique building that now stands abandoned in 23rd Street in New York City. More than just a documentation of Chelsea Hotel, [Calfee](#) pays homage to the creative, eccentricity and talent of the souls who suffered, loved and bled for their art.

When I photographed at the Chelsea Hotel, I would stay in a space or situation for hours. Time would pass and my presence would become less and less visible. Sometimes I would even disappear.
- Julia Calfee

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