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Howard Singerman : Art History, After Sherrie Levine before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Art History, After Sherrie Levine:

This book examines the career of New York-based artist Sherrie Levine, whose 1981 series of photographs "after Walker Evans"—taken not from life but from Evans's famous depression-era documents of rural Alabam—became central examples in theorizing postmodernism in the visual arts in the 1980s. For the first in-depth examination of Levine, Howard Singerman surveys a wide variety of sources, both historical and theoretical, to

assess an artist whose work was understood from the outset to challenge both the label "artist" and the idea of oeuvre—and who has over the past three decades crafted a significant oeuvre of her own. Singerman addresses Levin's work after Evans, Brancusi, Malevich, and others as an experimental art historical practice—material reenactments of the way the work of art history is always doubled in and structured by language, and of the ways the art itself resists.

“A critical examination of how the art world's singular characterization of Levin's work began.”