



(Angie Lujan, Santa Fe, NM.)

"Vulnerability, Beauty and Empowerment"

A digital exhibition of intimate photography by Daniel Quat

“We are in an era of growing self-awareness, recognizing power structures, and calling out oppression and violence. It is an era where we are not just asking for equal rights, but demanding that systems of oppression be broken down. This is done, in part, by people in positions of power actively changing the systems that they benefit from.

“Daniel has been actively addressing the power dynamics between a male photographer and female models by intentionally changing how he conducts his photo shoots. From the environment to his tone of voice to asking if they give consent throughout the process, he creates a space where the model knows and feels that they are physically and emotionally safe. Because this approach proved to be effective at quickly creating a trusting relationship between Daniel and the model, he now applies it to all his subjects, regardless of gender.

“Daniel’s process is at the heart of this series. It is his process that allowed these models to face their fears and shed them along with their clothes, to recognize their true beauty and tap into their strength. These beautiful photographs show us that vulnerability is an emotional journey from fear to empowerment.”

-- Alexis I. Brown, Editor, Santa Fe, NM.