



SYDNEY AND FLORA

In 1998, noted arts patron (and former president of the Whitney Museum of Art) Flora Biddle commissioned her nephew, San Francisco area photographer Geoffrey Biddle, to photograph herself along with husband, painter Sydney Biddle, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. The resulting photographs, compiled in the newly released tome, *Sydney and Flora*, are eerie, striking and often humorous layered mash-ups of the couple's individual portraits. In some shots, eyes float where mouths should be, or ears, noses and mouths double — a Picasso painting come to life. In others, features are neatly stacked on top of one another, causing a sensation not unlike viewing a 3-D image, minus the dorky red and blue cellophane lenses. *Sydney and Flora* is an intriguing exploration of connectedness, couplehood and bonus: a nearly guaranteed mind-trip. Now, that's how we like our art.

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