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Wired Magazine

Double Vision

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If you're among the fetishists or Luddites who still dig glossy-paper magazines, then check out *DoubleTake*. Its lush look and streamlined thinking are drawing attention from magazine junkies who rave about its articles, fiction, and stellar photography.

DoubleTake taps into uncommon sources and aesthetics. Wendy Ewald's stunning work, for example, shows photos taken by children trying to recreate scenes from their dreams. Mitch Epstein's crisp, stark images juxtapose today's Hanoi against the Vietnamese refugee community of Versailles, Louisiana. Hanoi often appears more American than Versailles, where immigrants have erected Buddhist temples and planted Asian gardens. Transcending the glamour shots that litter many publications, DoubleTake consistently strikes a deeper chord.

Published by the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, the magazine sandwiches high-quality writing between the photo spreads, such as Susan Faludi's heart-wrenching report from the McDonnell Douglas Outplacement Center, where obsolete middle management fumes and sputters into oblivion. And *DoubleTake's* fiction hammers home with equal strength - literary lions such as Stuart Dybek weigh in alongside up-and-coming writers.

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On its surface, *DoubleTake* is a throwback: images are segregated from words, technology takes a back seat, and the spare aesthetic provides few bells and whistles for the mind. But its cosmopolitan worldview and cross-disciplinary approach

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provide brain food of the highest nutritional content. That's what being "wired" comes down to: an ever-expanding expedition into the world you live in, by whatever means necessary. Pack *DoubleTake* for the trip.

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