

PRISON LANDSCAPES BY ALYSE EMDUR

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Alyse Endur's book *Prison Landscapes* is a large photographic compilation of prison inmates presenting themselves in front of visiting room backdrops. Glittering cityscapes, scenes of natural landscapes, historical or fantasy architecture and more are often painted by inmates and used as portrait studios. Initially Endur was denied access to photograph in the prisons compelling her to seek out prisoners using pen-pal sites and asking inmates to send pictures of themselves posed in front of their prison's backdrops. In the summer of 2011, Endur was successful at gaining clearance to photograph inside of several prisons. Hundreds of photos were eventually used to create *Prison Landscapes*, which was published last year. Emdur currently has photographs on display at the **Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery** in Haverford, Pa, for the exhibition *Prison Obscura*.

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