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## IN STILLNESS by Laila Nahar Limited Edition Artist Book Release

*In Stillness* is a set of three handmade artist books - *The River*, *The Land*, and *The People* - housed in a handmade slipcase. The books encompass the experience of and longing for the life in Bangladesh. Yet, in those moments, it transcends the confinement of time and place. That moment of eternity and stillness in crossing the river, immersed into fog, plunging into the sea of life, and plucking a single strand of life. The river is always present, binding the land and people. The book series tells the story of the river and land flowing together. There is no delineation between the river's end and the land's beginning. The land and the people rise and fall like the harmony of seasons. The spirit of us is felt as the breeze brushing through the plains, as the warmth of the sun is soaked in the earth. It unfolds the story of everyday life and rituals of the people.

*The River*, *The Land*, and *The People* is a layered journey through personal realization and the process of reconciling one's place through photographic exploration.

Laila Nahar is a lens-based artist and bookmaker exploring belonging, memory, cultural and collective identity. Her handmade photo artist books appeared in several exhibitions, including Griffin Museum of Photography, thephotobookjournal, and has won several awards, including Lucie Photo Book Prize Independent Category.



### IN STILLNESS

THE RIVER  
THE LAND  
THE PEOPLE

Edition of 15.  
3 handsewn hardcover volumes, each with a tipped in photograph on handmade paper, housed in a slipcase.  
Each volume handbound with French link stitch binding.  
Each volume 8 x 5.5 in

Total 112 pages  
100+ photos  
Photographs, book concept & design: Laila  
Texts & poems: Tanveer Khondker

Excerpted pieces of Rabindranath Tagore and Jasimuddin (in Bangla)

*"Her home, a nest within the nests  
Cradled in the trees and the chirping birds  
She is the river, and she is the land  
She binds them all and  
She is bound to all"*



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Limited edition available now for pre-order.  
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The entire series is at <https://www.lailanahar.com/books>.

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