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In this lush compendium illustrated with full-color images, the author of *The Burlesque Handbook* chronicles the history of one of the world's most beloved fashion patterns—leopard print—celebrating its beauty and place in couture, and the women who have dared to wear it. In nature, the distinctive markings on big cats served as camouflage, helping them to blend into their surroundings when hunting prey. Unlike these magnificent predators, humans have donned this distinctive animal pattern to be noticed; leopard print

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demands an audience. Jo Weldon, an expert in the world of burlesque, reveals how this sexy, playful, decadent, and vibrant pattern once reserved for royalty came into vogue and became a staple of fashion. With the revolution in technology and the rise of mass production in the early 1900s, textiles could be produced quickly and inexpensively, transforming every industry. Couture experienced a creative awakening: colors, prints, and patterns never seen before became ubiquitous. A greater freedom of choice in ready-to-wear clothing gave women the opportunity to express themselves in new styles. From its inception in textile, leopard print—long used as a

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symbol of a warrior's power or a ruler's wealth—became a sensation, adopted by daring trendsetters and members of the avant-garde, including film stars and celebrities such as Carole Lombard and Josephine Baker, who walked her pet Cheetah, Chiquita, on a diamond-encrusted leash. The desire for leopard print continues today as Nicki Minaj, Rihanna and other stars flaunt their feline-inspired spots on film and stage, the catwalk and the red carpet. With a lively narrative, informative sidebars, and stunning images, *Fierce* is a must have collection for designers and fashionistas of all kinds.

In 1945 Bob Mizer began taking

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photographs of strapping young men on Muscle Beach in Venice, California. In December of that year he formed the Athletic Model Guild to market his photos, and "physique photography" was born. Before Mizer there were body builders and men who photographed them, but AMG photos, even those of the same men, were different, subtly provocative, discretely aimed at a gay audience. They weren't nude, but showed as much as the law allowed in 1945. ... TASCHEN's two-volume edition of "1000 Model Directory" contains prints from Mizer's original 4 x 5 negatives to present these handsome hunks in stunning clarity. Editor Dian Hanson trawled through a quarter million

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male nudes to select this lineup of top models, including movie stars Sammy Jackson, Richard Harrison, and Ed Fury. Glenn Corbett of TV's 77 Sunset Strip is also here, as well as Nick Adams, star of The Rebel, and top body builders Chris Dickerson, Dick Dubois, Vince Gironda, Bill Grant, Zabo Koszewski, Henry Lenz, Don Peters, Bob Shealy, Charles Stroeder, Armand Tanny, and John Tristram. --Publisher.

Fairy-Tale Finesse Reviving East of the Sun and West of the Moon, Kay Nielsen's Scandinavian masterwork Step into a world of star-crossed lovers, magical winds, mischievous giants, and trolls, through some of the most exquisite illustrations in

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publishing history. In this gorgeous reprint, TASCHEN revives the most ambitious publication project of beloved Danish artist Kay Nielsen, one of the most famous children's book illustrators of all time. First published in 1914, *East of the Sun and West of the Moon* is a celebrated collection of fifteen fairy tales, gathered by legendary Norwegian folklorists Peter Christen Asbjørnsen and Jørgen Engebretsen Moe on their journeys across Norway in the mid-nineteenth century. Nielsen's illustration edition of Asbjørnsen and Moe's tales is considered a jewel of early 20th-century children's literature, highly sought-after by art and book collectors

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worldwide. An original signed copy of the book sold at auction in 2008 commanded the highest price ever paid for an illustrated children's book. This finely crafted reprint restores the stunning detail and artistry of Nielsen's images to their original splendor. Featuring 46 illustrations, including many enlarged details from Nielsen's rare original watercolors. The book is printed in five colors, comes with three accompanying essays, illustrated with dozens of rare and previously unseen artworks by Nielsen, explore the history of Norwegian folktales, Nielsen's life and work, and how this masterpiece came to be. "...a beautiful reprint of the fairy tale,

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with its sumptuous illustrations presented in full glory." --
VOGUE.com

In this photographic journey, Massimo Listri travels to some of the oldest and finest libraries around the world to celebrate their architectural and historical wonder. From medieval to 19th-century institutions, private to monastic collections, this is a cultural-historical pilgrimage to the heart of our halls of learning and the stories they tell.

Raunchy Truckers

Summer Boys

Queen Victoria and Photography

Tom of Finland

Kake Highway Patrol

Tom Poulton

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A spectacular book showing life and work of the Finnish icon from an unknown perspective with around 150 illustrations and well researched texts. Tom of Finland has become the most famous and influential Finnish artist of the 20th century. Born Touko Laaksonen in 1920, his iconic depiction of self-confident and life-affirming gayness gave decisive impulses to the international gay movements from the 1960s onwards. But although we clearly associate his portrayals of sensual and powerful cowboys, farm hands, soldiers and leathermen with the USA, Tom of Finland's rise to gay icon received the game-changing impetus neither in his native Finland nor in the USA. It was, of all places, the city of Hamburg and

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Tom's friendship with key exponents of the local gay scene in the early 1970s that helped him to his first exhibition ever. He even created a grand mural for the legendary "Tom's Bar", until today the only one legitimately named after him. Regular commissions to design posters and ads for gay events in Hamburg allowed him to launch his artistic career after quitting his day job as advertising executive, and led to the creation of the most extensive private collection of his drawings to date. Galerie Judin is now devoting an exhibition and a comprehensive publication to these seminal, but thus far little researched years, the art they generated and the friendships they formed. The book includes texts by Juerg Judin, Pay

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Matthis Karstens, Kati Mustola and Alice Delage, conversations with Durk Dehner and Michael P. Hartleben - and a facsimile of the artist's German travel diary from 1955.

Includes works by more than 40 photographers Features drag, gender, queerness, and transsexuality in all their variety Fine-art and documentary photography blending eroticism, culture, lifestyle, and critique Art, more than anything, opens up the possibility of approaching one's own sexuality beyond the limits imposed by taboos. Not only does it allow for a risk-free, playful exploration of gender and forbidden desires, but it is unique in capturing its contradictions. In recent years, a young and active queer photography

scene has emerged, helped in large part by social media. Indulging their desire for self-presentation, affirmation, and reflection, many photographers portray male homosexuality in particular as a private idyll. At the same time, they shine a critical light on their own and society's approach to transsexuality and gender roles and expose the corrupting but also affirmative power of pornography. Films, series, and mainstream cultural appropriation suggest that society has largely embraced queer lifestyles. However, a number of documentary photographers provide evidence that being gay or lesbian can still lead to marginalization, isolation, stigmatization, and violence in certain

countries and communities. Their works also take the regime of sexuality itself into account and show that many bans on same-sex contact have colonial origins. This carefully researched and richly designed book introduces around 40 contemporary photographic positions, including those of well-established photographers such as Florian Hetz, Matt Lambert, Ren Hang, Exterface, Luke Austin, Ferry van der Nat, Jeremy Kost, Zanele Muholi, and Robin Hammond, as well as plenty of unknown and less well-known talent. With texts by Ben Miller from Schwules Museum Berlin. An anthology of the smart, literate gay magazine that also manages to be very fun and very dirty. In this meaty

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package, BUTT editors Gert Jonkers and Jop van Bennekom select the best images and interviews from more than a decade in print, including sexy pictures and candid interviews with such spectacular men as Gore Vidal, François Sagat, ...

Reproduces explicitly erotic drawings dating from approximately 1948-1963, showing a wide variety of sexual activities.

Tom of Finland, Masculinity, and Homosexuality

Tom of Finland - Comic Collection 1

The Secret Art of an English

Gentleman

The Art of Drag

The Art of Pleasure

Dirty Pictures

This photobook is long

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overdue! Man's |best part| finally gets the photographic appreciation it deserves. A monument in 112 pages of pure carnal desire, exciting portraits of close-ups of HIM in colour and black and white, unadorned, untamed and direct. Giovanni pays homage to the penis in open, extremely multi-faceted photography.

Circumcised or uncut, shaved or hairy, limp or stiff - this book is a must for everyone who has one (or wants one...)!

The legacy of Robert Mapplethorpe (1946 -1989) is rich and complicated, triggering controversy, polarizing critics, and

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providing inspiration for many artists who followed him. Mapplethorpe, one of the most influential figures of his time, today stands as an example to emerging photographers who continue to experiment with the boundaries and concepts of the beautiful. Robert Mapplethorpe: The Photographs offers a timely and rewarding examination of his oeuvre and influence. Drawing from the extraordinary collection jointly acquired in 2011 by the J. Paul Getty Museum and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from The Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation, as well as the

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Mapplethorpe Archive housed at the Getty Research Institute, the authors were given the unique opportunity to explore new resources and present fresh perspectives. The result is a fascinating introduction to Mapplethorpe's career and legacy, accompanied by a rich selection of illustrations covering the remarkable range of his photographic work. All of these beautifully integrated elements contribute to what promises to become an essential point of access to Mapplethorpe's work and practice. This publication is issued on the occasion of the exhibition Robert

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Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Mediumon view at both the J. Paul Getty Museum and at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from March 15 and March 20, respectively, through July 31, 2016; at the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montréal from September 10, 2016, through January 15, 2017; and at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, from October 28, 2017, through February 4, 2018.

Tom of Finland: Life and Work of a Gay Hero traces Tom's life and work from his childhood and student days in Finland to his successful career in advertising and his rise to cult status in the international gay

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community and beyond. Lushly illustrated with his drawings and including many seldom-seen photographs, this volume brings to life Tom of Finland - the man, the artist, the icon. An immersive glimpse into the private, domestic world of one of the twentieth century's most revolutionary artists. Nestled in a leafy, residential section of Los Angeles is the house where Tom of Finland (Touko Laaksonen, 1920-1991) lived and worked during the last decade of his life. It is an extraordinary place—part shrine, part haven, part art-historical archive, and part utopian collective. Still

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occupied by the men who resided there with Tom and dedicated themselves to preserving his legacy, the house serves as a living tribute to the artist's astonishing oeuvre and his radical vision of unapologetic homoerotic sexuality. Offered to the reader as an intimate view of the man behind the hypermasculine imagery, the book moves from art-filled room to art-filled room, dining room to dungeon. Almost every surface of the house is covered in work made by Tom himself, or by those he influenced and inspired. For additional insight, Martyn Thompson's

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revelatory photographs are paired with rarely seen preparatory sketches and unfinished drawings.

Together, the compelling images place Tom's work in an entirely new light, inviting readers to explore a hidden world of dreams and desire—the world of Tom of Finland.

And Other Works by Sylvia Ji
The Photographs

Uncut

Uncensored

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Tom of Finland in Los
Angeles

**Sylvia Ji's haunting, seductive
and psychedelically tinged
portrayals of women offer a**

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whole new slant on femininity, and blur the line between high and lowbrow art. The dominant influence on her work is La Calavera Catrina, the iconic skeleton dame of Mexico's Day of the Dead celebrations, and her macabre, yet glamorous, take on the Sugar Skull tradition. This retrospective monograph offers a lavish overview of an artist who draws inspiration from life and death to create highly charged and darkly exotic work. "Jo Weldon is the gold-standard for New Burlesque. I am proud to call her my friend, and unashamed to admit she's my idol." — Lily Burana, author of

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Strip City: A Stripper's Farewell Journey Across America From one of the stars of the New Burlesque scene, Jo Weldon, comes a definitive, easy-to-use, and indispensable guide to the art form, with a foreword by superstar comedian and burlesque enthusiast Margaret Cho. Fans of Dita Von Teese—as well as performers of every stripe—will love the helpful advice and feisty attitude of *The Burlesque Handbook*. All 26 episodes of the *Kake* comic serial have been collected in one volume--a reflection of a time when gay men were men, sex was carefree, and everyone

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wore a big, thick, mustache. An icon of gay art and one of the most famous names in physique photography, Bruce Bellas is remembered as the pioneer of beefcake. Beginning in the 1940s and continuing until his death in 1974, he photographed some of the most important icons in the world of physical culture and body- building. Collected in this book are Bellas' rare photographs and films - the two volumes Inside and Outside comprise more than 100 colour images, masterfully restored as a limited edition, celebrating Bruce of Los Angeles and his refined, masterful aesthetic of erotica.

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East of the Sun

The Burlesque Handbook

Vanessa Del Rio

Marilyn and Me

Fierce

Forever Butt

***C'est en 1998, avec The Art of
Pleasure, que TASCHEN a fait
découvrir au monde l'art***

remarquable de Touko Laaksonen.

***Avant cela, Laaksonen, alias Tom of
Finland, artiste culte de la
communauté gay internationale,***

était pratiquement inconnu du

grand public. En 2009, TASCHEN

***poursuit l'entreprise avec l'ouvrage
ultime retraçant l'oeuvre de Tom,***

Tom of Finland XXL, une

***magnifique édition collector grand
format réunissant plus de 1000***

illustrations et couvrant soixante

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ans de carrière de l'artiste. Son oeuvre a été réuni avec l'aide de la Tom of Finland Foundation, à partir de collections conservées aux Etats-Unis et en Europe, et comporte de nombreux dessins, peintures et études préparatoires qui n'avaient encore jamais été publiés. D'autres n'avaient jusqu'alors été vus qu'isolément et sont montrés ici dans l'ordre séquentiel prévu par Tom, gagnant ainsi toute leur valeur artistique et leur charge érotique. Cet élégant volume grand format présente toute l'étendue du talent de Tom, de ses portraits sensibles à ses descriptions explicites du plaisir sexuel et à ses hommages pleins de tendresse rendus aux jeunes hommes emportés par le sida, et il inclut, en complément, huit essais écrits pour l'occasion

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par Camille Paglia, John Waters, Armistead Maupin, Todd Oldham, entre autres, qui reviennent sur l'influence sociale et personnelle de Tom, ainsi qu'une étude approfondie de ses dessins par l'historien d'art Edward Lucie-Smith. Jusqu'à maintenant, la seule chose qui manquait à Tom of Finland XXL était un prix accessible au plus grand nombre. Le nouveau Tom of Finland XXL est toujours aussi gros, fera autant travailler vos biceps et reprend tout du contenu original, mais ne coûte qu'une fraction du prix d'origine. Il vous souhaite la bienvenue.

Paperback edition of this groundbreaking study of, the art of Touko Laaksonen (1920-1991), better, known as Tom of Finland, in which Micha Ramakers, explores the

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incredible and defining impact he has,had upon gay culture. A lively and entertaining,work encompassing the rise of the gay movement,the world of fine art and the functioning of,pornography, this is an ideal work for the,millions of Tom's fans throughout the world and of,interest to readers unfamiliar with his work.,Illustrated in b/w throughout.

With UN*/CUT Giovanni opens another chapter of desire for male meat! This sexual organ has never been more directly or excitingly set into scene than in this fascinating declaration of love. UN*/CUT is the follow-up to the incredibly successful Bites by the same photographer.

Before RuPaul's Drag Race propelled the cultural phenomenon

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into the global spotlight, drag had been around for thousands of years. Immerse yourself in the rich history of drag in this lusciously illustrated guide. The history of drag has been formed by many intersections: fashion, theatre, sexuality and politics--all coming together to create the show stopping entertainment millions witness today. In this extensive work, Jake Hall delves deep into the ancient beginnings of drag, to present day and beyond. Vibrant illustrations enhance the rich history from Kabuki theatre to Shakespearean, the revolutionary Stonewall riots to the still thriving New York ballroom scene. Nothing will go undocumented in this must-have documentation of all things drag.

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John Waters

Day of the Dead

My Year Behind the Scenes With

Michael Lucas and His Models

Bruce of Los Angeles

The Little Book of Big Penis

Tom of Finland XXL

Kings & Queens in Their Castles has been called the most ambitious photo series ever conducted of the LGBTQ experience in the U.S. Over a span of 15 years, Atwood photographed more than 350 subjects at home nationwide (with over 160 in the book), including nearly 100 celebrities (with about 60 in the book). With individuals from 30 states, Atwood offers a window into the lives and homes of some of America's most intriguing and eccentric personalities. Among

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those depicted are Meredith Baxter, Alan Cumming, Don Lemon, John Waters, George Takei, Alison Bechdel, Barney Frank, Don Bachardy, Billy Porter, Ari Shapiro, Arthur Tress, Michael Urie, Greg Louganis, Tommy Tune, Jonathan Adler and Terrence McNally.

Modern day tableaux vivants, the images portray whimsical, intimate moments of daily life that shift between the pictorial and the theatrical. Rich in beauty and clarity, these personal landscapes are both a witness and a celebration

Edward Lucie-Smith's examination of sexuality in Western art from prehistory to the present first treats the tradition chronologically, then

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considers its characteristic themes and symbols.

The "Little Book of Big Penises" features more than 150 massively endowed models from the 1940s through the 90s, in a compact version of the original, overstuffed edition.

From the intriguing mind behind Codex Seraphinianus comes this beautifully illustrated tribute to the famed Neapolitan character Pulcinella (or "Punch" as he is referred to in English). This short monograph on Pulcinella is conceived as a extension of the Codex Seraphinianus, an encyclopedia filled with variations and fantasies on a theme.

Pulcinellopaedia Seraphiniana

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contains over one hundred extraordinary graphite illustrations with scarlet accents, some of which are depicted in comic-strip style. Conceived as a musical Suite, it is divided into nine scenes with an intermission. It features the oddly surreal and globally recognized character, whose origins have been lost in the mists of the time. An ancestor of Pulcinella was certainly Maccus, the protagonist of the *Atellanae Fabulae*, very popular farces in ancient Rome, but it was in the early seventeenth-century that the character assumed the name and costume that we all know. Distinguished by a long nose and typically dressed in white with a black mask, Pulcinella is often

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depicted in various kinds of misadventures and singing about love, hunger, and money. As he famously did in the Codex, Luigi Serafini, has created Pulcinellopaedia Seraphiniana in a unique language all its own, and has filled it with fascinating and mysterious illustrations that will no doubt prompt devotees to obsessively try to decipher the artist ' s intention. Written by Serafini ' s imaginative coauthor and alter ego "P. Cetrulo," who represents Pulcinella himself, the book artfully presents the struggles of a rebellious antihero who must come to grips with the challenges of everyday life. Originally, a book about Pulcinella and his world

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appeared in 1984, after Serafini ' s involvement with the 1982 Carnival of Venice, the first revival of the famous festivity after two centuries of silence. Now more than three decades later, this new edition has been extensively revised and includes a new afterword by the author. Like its predecessor, the original edition became immensely sought after and highly valuable, fetching more than one thousand dollars if book collectors were lucky enough to get their hands on a copy. All fans of Serafini ' s work will treasure this volume. Rizzoli will also publish a deluxe limited edition with a signed and numbered print.

Robert Mapplethorpe

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The History of Leopard Print
Plus Belles Bibliothèques Du
Monde

Tom House

The Complete Kake Comics

***The emergence of the
powerful work - until
recently considered
'peripheral' - of
African-American and
regional American
artists, and new trends
in Latin American,
Russian, Japanese,
Chinese, Korean, modern
African, Caribbean and
Aboriginal art are all
introduced and
discussed, providing a***

world panorama of art at the end of the century. Brawny hunks boasting larger-than-life muscles and skin-tight leather pants... Crotches engorged and nearly ripping apart seams. Men upon men upon men cavorting and indulging nearly every possible fantasy... Tom's men are so hot they're off the Richter scale. Until TASCHEN published the retrospective volume on this master illustrator's work, his drawings had been

*relegated to the walls
of gay bars and adult
shops. Our first
publication of this book
helped Tom's influence
as an artist extend far
beyond the gay scene.
Now this masterwork is
finally being made
available again, in a
more compact format, for
any and all to enjoy.
Tom of FinlandThe
Official Life and Work
of a Gay Hero
A survey of Latin
American art discusses
major subjects and
themes and the*

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interrelationship of politics, society, and art; looks at Latin American folk art; and examines the work of notable artists.

Kings & Queens in Their Castles

Life and Work of a Gay Hero

New Queer Photography

Tom of Finland: Made in Germany

Art And Sex - An Exploration Of Gay Erotica

Latin American Art of the 20th Century

"Marilyn & Me" is an

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intimate tale of a legend before her fall and a young photographer on his way to the top. The limited edition monograph signed by the photographer and numbered includes headline-grabbing nudes of the actress to the almost surreal pictures from the day of her funeral, the tragedy of her death hanging heavy in every frame.

"Art And Sex" is a sexually charged collection of charcoal and litho pencil figure drawings of the male nude

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by award winning artist and illustrator C.L. Hause (Winner Of The Johnny Hart Memorial Award "BC" Comics). While the female nude has long played a conspicuous role in western iconography, the male nude has not always enjoyed such adoration. Until now! This collection provides an exploration of the male nude in settings such as gay bondage, leather and erotica. This large scale (8.5 x 8.5) coffee table book features works inspired by some of the great names in art such as Tom Of Finland

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artist Touko Laaksonen,
Robert Maplethorpe,
Herbert List, George Platt
Lynes and Nancy Grossman.
While the images in "Art
And Sex" are sure to get
your heart racing; there
is also a collection of
sexual and sometimes funny
quotations by a number of
notable celebrities,
artists and historical
figures, such as: Lily
Tomlin, Woody Allen,
Marilyn Monroe, Mae West,
Leonardo Di Vinci, Ayn
Rand and many more.
"Expressive, smart, and
sexy, C.L. Hause' "Art And
Sex" brings erotic art

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images out of the closet and into the light of day." Matthew Trent from OutLoud Magazine

Tom's fellas can be yours for the price of a cocktail

The Comic Collection is the most affordable compilation of Tom of Finland's popular panel stories. This volume features 14 stories, including the first completed by Tom in 1946, and the last, done in 1986. Along the way we meet Jack in the Jungle, Beach Boys, Greasy Rider, Ringo & the Renegades, and Tom's most infamous

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creation, Kake, the ultimate leatherman. The stories are arranged chronologically in a book sized to fit perfectly in one hand, wrapped in our new Panic Jacket that allows the book to be read any place, any time, by simply removing and reversing the cover to give the appearance of a serious scholarly tome. For boys who like boys who like art—but are sometimes embarrassed to enjoy their art in public—this attractive package is not to be missed. Durk Dehner is Tom's archivist and

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provided the original art for these volumes. He was born in Alberta, Canada, where he studied art before moving to the United States in the mid-'70s. Dehner was instrumental in bringing Tom out of the underground and in focusing public attention on his work. The two co-founded the Tom of Finland Foundation in 1984, and Dehner continues as head of the Foundation, headquartered in Los Angeles, California. Back in 1974, the sexual revolution was in full swing and the adult

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entertainment business was on the verge of becoming Big Business. Deep Throat had created America's first porn star in 1972, but by 1974 Linda Lovelace was already retired and the industry was seeking the next big thing.

Vanessa del Rio should have been that thing, except in 1974 there were no ethnic sex stars.

Undeterred, Vanessa took any role they'd give her, because, amazingly, she was there for the sex more than the money. Fans, awed by her ferocious onscreen sexuality, made her a top

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box office draw and America's first Latina star. Retired since 1986, Vanessa del Rio remains a sexual icon who cuts across all ethnic boundaries. What her fans don't know is that her real life was, and is, as wild as anything she did on film. In this sumptuous over-sized volume, TASCHEN celebrates a remarkably candid, confident and exuberantly sexual woman. Presented through Vanessa's own archive, in her own words, is a life at once shocking, titillating, amusing, and

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inspiring. And because paper and ink can't do justice to a personality this big, an original 140 minute DVD documentary is included. If you aren't already convinced, this book will end all doubt that there could ever be another woman like Vanessa del Rio. Vanessa del Rio is limited to a total of 1,500 numbered copies, each signed by Vanessa ? 1,300 copies in the Collector's Edition ? 200 copies in the Art Edition, with a signed watercolor lithograph of Vanessa by acclaimed artist Robert

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lucky reader: one of the
1,500 copies contains a
Golden Ticket good for an
all-expenses paid evening
with Vanessa, to be
documented by a world
famous photographer!!*

**?She is a person I
dreamed about having sex
with. She should go in the
hall of fame for best sex
scenes in the '80s.?-Snoop
Dogg*

*Bob Mizer. AMG: 1000 Model
Directory*

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Bis Heute

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*Pulcinellopaedia
Seraphiniana, Deluxe
Edition
Inside/Outside
Bites*

Tuoko Laaksonen, also known as Tom of Finland (1920-1991), was an iconic and provocative artist who rose to cult status in the international gay community and beyond for his work celebrating gay archetypes and masculinity during a time when being gay was taboo. Created in partnership with the Tom of Finland Estate, *Tom of Finland: The Official Life and Work of a Gay Hero* is a beautifully detailed visual biography full of never or rarely seen documents from his archive. The text was completed just a few

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months before the death of the artist and was fully approved by him--making this book the only 100% approved biography of this gay legend responsible for creating the muscled, mustachioed gay archetype of the 1960s and '70s. With an extensive biography, and suggestive photos and illustrations, Tom of Finland: The Official Life and Work of a Gay Hero brings to life the icon whose erotic illustrations of men influenced many artists, including Robert Mapplethorpe and Bruce Weber.

In January 1839, photography was announced to the world. Two years prior, a young Queen Victoria ascended to the throne of Great Britain and Ireland. These two

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events, while seemingly unrelated, marked the beginnings of a relationship that continued throughout the nineteenth century and helped construct the image of an entire age. *A Royal Passion* explores the connections between photography and the monarchy through Victoria's embrace of the new medium and her portrayal through the lens. Together with Prince Albert, her beloved husband, the Queen amassed one of the earliest collections of photographs, including works by renowned photographers such as Roger Fenton, Gustave Le Gray, and Julia Margaret Cameron. Victoria was also the first British monarch to have her life recorded by the camera:

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images of her as wife, mother, widow, and empress proliferated around the world at a time when the British Empire spanned the globe.

The featured essays consider Victoria's role in shaping the history of photography as well as photography's role in shaping the image of the Queen. Including more than 150 color images—several rarely seen before—drawn from the Royal Collection and the J. Paul Getty Museum, this volume accompanies an exhibition of the same name, on view at the J. Paul Getty Museum from February 4 to June 20, 2014.

The third of four titles in a continuing series of books by Todd Oldham that highlight remarkable people

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places and spaces, ffeatures and essay by actress/author/comedienne Amy Sedaris.

In this unique collection of black and white photography, acclaimed artist Gruenholtz has accomplished something very rare in male erotica. In the style of a classic fine-art photo documentarist, he captures the fascinating world of gay adult entertainment with virtuosity and sensitivity. His beautiful "behind-the-scenes" photographs, simultaneously frank and lyrical, constitute a compelling long-form portrait of Michael Lucas and his models over the course of an unprecedented year-long creative journey. Shot on location in New York, Fire Island, Puerto Vallarta

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and Barcelona.

Sex on the Train

Movements in Art Since 1945

Fifty Years of Slightly Slutty

Behavior

The Official Life and Work of a Gay

Hero

Sexuality in Western Art

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