

BIG PICTURES

Wrestle with this-an outsized book of images from legendary photographer Helmut Newton. It contains 480 pages, measures 19.7 inches by 27.6 inches and weighs 66.1 pounds. It is literally the largest book ever published, and it is called SUMO.

German publisher, Taschen, releases this colossal body of work (both previously published and never before published images, edited by Newton's wife June, make up this compilation) in December; when twenty-five hundred numbered and signed editions will go on sale via the internet. The remaining copies (from a 10,000 print run) will be available for sale in April 2000.

With a hefty price tag of \$1500, SUMO, also distinguishes itself as the most expensive book ever sold. In addition, it's probably the only book ever to have a custom display table designed by Philippe Starke, on which to display it in your home.