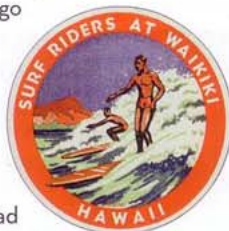


Surfing

By Jim Heimann

Taschen, 192 pages, flexi-cover,
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If you're a beach worshipper in need of a winter pick-me-up, the flexi-cover book *Surfing*, a title from Taschen's Icon series, is sure to inspire your inner Gidget. Fans of the sport and nostalgia lovers will dig the compact collection of vintage graphics culled from ads, postcards, magazines, books and photographs spanning from the 1920s to the 1960s. You can almost hear the faint echo of Annette and Frankie as you flip through the pages filled with colorful and kitschy memorabilia of a bygone beach culture. Who can resist titles like the "Cute and Deadly Surf Twins" and "The Surf Broad" that teases to tell "the naked truth about those who only live for the next big wave." And if the fun-filled graphics aren't enough to get you stoked, the book also includes a history-packed intro and entertaining lists of top surf songs, top surf movies and surf lingo that could rouse a cowabunga out of even the kookiest (lame) hodad (anti-surfer).



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