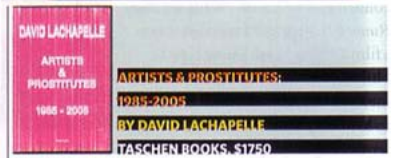




(Above) "Dollhouse Disaster, Home Invasion" (1997) and (right) "The House at the End of the World" (2005).



David LaChapelle has taken some of the most iconic photographs of recent times. Memorable examples include Eminem holding a Roman candle at crotch level, and his soul mate Tupac Shakur soaking in a soapy bathtub. And let's not forget the famous image of a dinosaur going down on a beautiful model. But you only need to consider the title of LaChapelle's new book to see how he really perceives celebrities. LaChapelle's portraits are never really about his subject, but how that person fits into the erotic and dramatic world he creates in his work.

This latest project from Taschen promises to be the ultimate luxury item for spring. Limited to 2,500 copies, *Artists & Prostitutes* contains 688 pages of photos and all copies are signed by LaChapelle himself.

# The *Giant* spring reading guide

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