



Big and beautiful: above and below, David LaChapelle's trademark glamour writ large in 34.5cm x 50cm, 698 pages

The big read



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and we're now as likely to buy a coffee table to set off our book collection as the other way around, but this is attention-seeking of a different order. Taschen started the craze for giant books in 1999 with the 50cm x 70cm *Sumo* – an homage to Helmut Newton, complete with its own stand, that now retails for \$6,000 – and followed it with the suitably heavyweight *GOAT*, an ode to Muhammad Ali (as in Greatest of all Time), in 2004. Next up from the big-thinking publisher is *Artists & Prostitutes* (£850), an erotic fairground ride in the world of David LaChapelle, while Phaidon is also going big on the epic *Andy Warhol – "Giant" Size* (£60), a definitive guide to the life, loves and peculiarities of the artist. You're gonna need a bigger table...

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