



COFFEE-TABLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Artists & Prostitutes David LaChapelle Taschen £1,200

From his humble beginnings as an *Arena* photo minion to his prized position as multifaceted 'pop artiste' in the tradition of Warhol, David LaChapelle has had the (mis)fortune of immortalising every noteworthy celebrity/Bel Air transsexual/model du jour... and then giving them a good once over in Photoshop.

Despite its unfortunate kindergarten art-critic title, *Artists & Prostitutes* is a true collector's item: a limited-edition (only 2,500 copies available worldwide), hand-signed, 688-page compendium of his best portraits to date including such unlikely subjects as Tupac and Muhammad Ali.

But enough of the prostitutes. Chances are you're more interested in the slew of shots featuring LaChapelle's ladies (Pamela Anderson, Paris Hilton *et al*) whose inherent sluttiness and plastic-fantastic aesthetic complement the man's surreal genius to mesmerising effect.

Animal magic (Above) Fish, dinosaurs and, less surprisingly, scantily clad models fuel LaChapelle's visual fantasies