

QUICK READS

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BILL WARD: KING OF THE GLAMOUR GIRLS

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NONFICTION

"Ward's women are sophisticated and worldly, goddesses in their own right, with unimaginable and exaggerated proportions, statuesque and towering over the men that ogle them. They exude sexuality and are hardly coy,

whereas Ward's male subjects are buffoons, unworthy of the object of their desires."

The prolific Brooklyn-born illustrator Bill Ward (1919–1998) once said, "The average female just isn't built right." During World War II, he sought to rectify that situation with a curvy comic-book creation called Torchy. His fellow GIs loved her, and by the late '50s, Ward was the most popular pinup artist in the country.

