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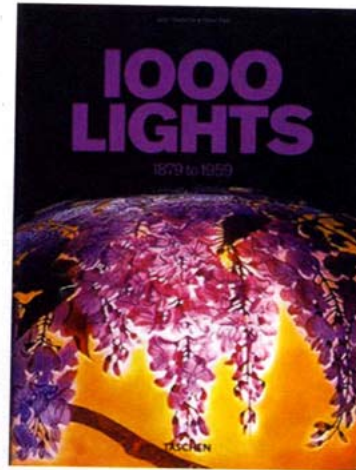
# Book Reviews

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## 1000 Lights 1879 to 1959 Vol. 1

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**T**his hefty volume from publishers Taschen covers, in broad detail, the history of lighting from the inventions of Thomas Edison to the stunning designs of Art Nouveau and Art Deco. Designed to be a companion to the classic title 1000 Chairs, this two-edition contains an awesome selection of over 1200 lights. Presented chronologically by decade are history's most interesting electric lights, from Swan and Edison's first incandescent light bulbs to Tiffany's beautiful leaded glass shades to completely outrageous designs from the 1960's and 1970's to the latest high tech LED products. All major styles are represented here – Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Modern Movement, De Stijl, Postwar, Pop, Radical, Post Modern and Contemporary. This definitive reference is a must have for collectors and design fans. I was gratified to see the designs of Frank Lloyd Wright, Lalique and Émile Gallé amongst others. Presented in beautiful colour photos with a minimum of informative text in three languages, this is yet another outstanding offering from Taschen that should provide not only inspiration to designers, home owners and lighting specialists, but also serves to remind us of an era past when attention to detail was key.

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