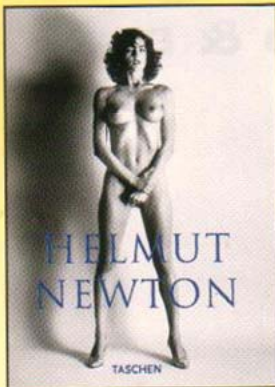


The art of reading seems so foreign in a world that's constantly feeding on blogs, gossip magazines and books on CD. What happened to the desperate yearning to crack open a binding and trace fingers across the first page? Have we forgotten the telling smell of vintage paper or new ink? Surely one remembers their first go at Dr. Seuss. In a world of new school technology, we want to suggest a few holiday items that are truly old school. Some of the books listed below overflow with stark imagery and few words, others weave tales deeper than high-school gossip and all are from the remarkable company Taschen, which prides itself on educating the masses visually and aurally one page at a time. Sit back, pour a glass of wine and get lost in something that doesn't involve a remote.

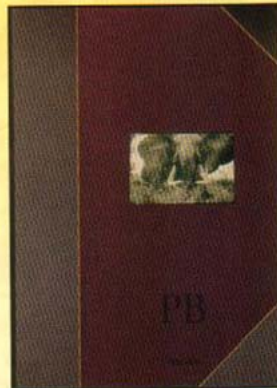


Sumo by Helmut Newton

Limited edition of 10,000 copies worldwide

Considered one of the masters of 20th-century fashion photography, larger than life photographer Helmut Newton could only have a book that resembles his work: bold, stunning and brash. *Sumo* is a monstrous book measuring 20 inches-by-27 inches, weighing 66 pounds and containing over 464 intricately hand-picked photographs from his wife June Newton. (Years after the two met in Australia in 1946, she also became a photographer, under the name Alice Springs.) From "Big Nudes" to "Bergstrom Over Paris" to his countless shoots for French *Vogue*, one cannot imagine a world without Newton photography and thanks to *Sumo*, one never will.

Book Bonus: Philippe Starck designed a specific table just to display *Sumo*. \$6,500

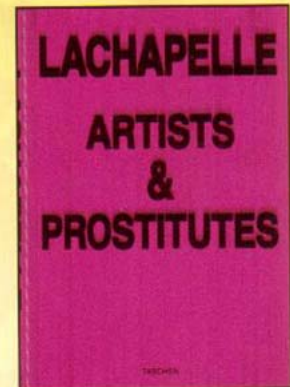


Who is Peter Beard? - The Art Edition by Peter Beard

2,250 individually numbered copies

Who is Peter Beard? Take a dip into the eclectic world of this photographer, collector, diarist and writer, who is known for shocking the world with his avant-garde publishing techniques. His photographic talents and visceral eye have earned him a central position in the international art world. With 616 pages, this vast work of art encompasses not only five fold-outs, but hundreds of smaller-scale works as well as Beard's bizarre drawings of stones, bones and bits of animals. With only 2,250 individually numbered copies signed by Beard himself, the Art Edition comes with a specially fabricated wood book stand that's sure to make a statement.

Book Bonus: Looking for a pearl? The book comes in a clamshell box. \$2,500



Artists & Prostitutes by David LaChapelle

Limited edition of 2,500 copies worldwide

Love him or hate him, David LaChapelle is undeniably the greatest star of star photography today. He's even been dubbed the "Fellini of Photography" thanks to his résumé, which includes shooting everyone from Tupac Shakur to Madonna. LaChapelle hadn't even graduated high school when he was hand-picked by Andy Warhol to shoot for *Interview* magazine, where his dramatic and colorful photographs earned him worldwide praise and recognition — not to mention a celebrity following. The book has nearly 700 pages of color illustrations that are color-separated and reproduced in Pan4C — which in laymen's terms means it's the finest reproduction technique available to date.

Book Bonus: Move over John Hancock, David LaChapelle signed every copy. \$2,500