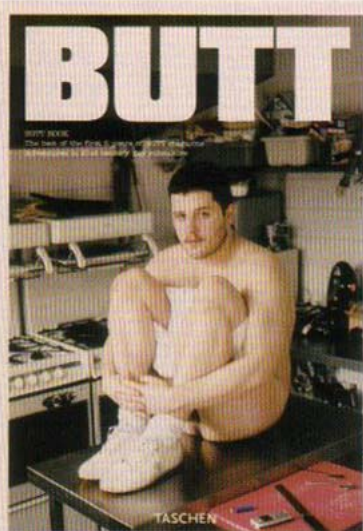


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BUTT BOOK

Edited by Gert Jonkers and Jop van Bennekom Taschen, softcover, 6.4" x 9.2", 560 pages

Whether you live in a small town or big city, if you don't have a really good magazine store near you it's likely you've never seen *BUTT* magazine. Since its first issue in 2001, this international quarterly has been praised for

"bringing back the sex in homosexuality," while focusing not just on sex but on all areas of alternative gay art and fashion.

Celebrating their fifth year, the founding editors have now put together a "best of" compilation of the first 17 issues of *BUTT*. Huge but modestly priced, it will really put you in the know on what's happening on the cutting edge of gay culture. Included are photos and interviews with filmmakers like Bruce La Bruce, John Waters, sex icon Peter Berlin, and Gus van Sant; writers like Bruce Benderson and Edmund White; musi-

cians like singer-songwriters Stephin Merritt, Rufus Wainwright and Casey Spooner, the band Matmos, and R.E.M. vocalist Michael Stipe; fashion designers like Marc Jacobs, Viktor & Rolf, Bernhard Willhelm, Hedi Slimane, Jeremy Scott, and Lutz; auto-fellating film star Al Eingang; artists like AA Bronson and Inez van Lamsweerde; self-portrait artist/nomad Domenic Vine; performance artist Jonny Wooster; stylist Simon Foxtan; and photographers like Asianpunkboy, Christopher Ciccone (Madonna's cute and talented brother), Heinz Peter Knes, Marcelo Krasilcic, Ryan McGinley, Alasdair McLellan, Walter Pfeiffer, Terry Richardson, Wolfgang Tillmans and Matthias Vriens.

That adds up to a lot of great, collectable material, yet a number of the original *BUTT* magazine issues are already hard to find. That's why the *BUTT BOOK* is both important and fun. Pictured here on the book cover is designer/model Julian Gano, photo by Wolfgang Tillmans. Lounging in bed is vocalist Jake Shears of the Scissor Sisters, by Marcelo Krasilcic. And playing in the whirlpool is designer Jeremy Scott, by Dino Dinco. (*Taschen, \$29.95, at your favorite bookstore or at www.Taschen.com.*) ■

