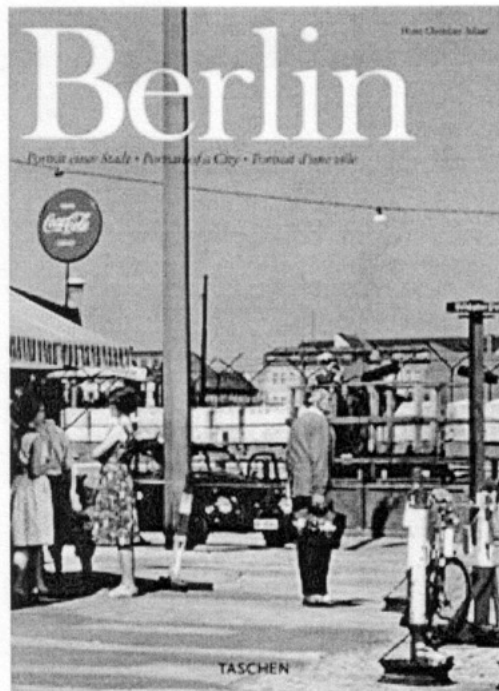


## "Berlin: Portrait of a City" by Hans Christian Adam

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**Berlin: Portrait of a City** represents perfect, pure **Taschen** style. Big, heavy, and intensely interesting. The photographs in this monstrous volume are nothing short of incredible; the information presented: stunning. In the most simplistic terms, "Berlin" offers a history of this significant city, to leave it simply at that however, is impossible, because the history of Berlin touches the history of the West, and the greater world as a whole.

The book is broken into five chapters by major periods (from the Imperial Era through the wars to today), each accompanied by a brief but extremely

informative essay providing background and historical and social context to the incredible photos that follow. The pictures- largely black and white- represent an impressive, moving and informative visual history of a city with cultural importance unmatched by many others.

The assembled information and photographs in *Berlin: Portrait of a City* are stunning and deserve to be perused and absorbed at leisure. This book is awe-inspiring in many ways; for the photos, for the history, and for the pure skill and insight that went into its creation and publication. Highly recommended.

Taschen, 672 pages, \$59.99