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## BUNKER SPRECKELS: Surfing's Divine Prince of Decadence

by Art Brewer and C. R. Stecyk III [Taschen, \$40]

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HEIR TO THE SPRECKELS SUGAR FORTUNE, STEPSON TO CLARK GABLE, AND HEDONISTIC PARTY BOY OF THE SANTA MONICA SURFING SCENE, BUNKER SPRECKELS LIVED THE ULTIMATE SEVENTIES PLAYBOY LIFE OF SEX, DRUGS, AND DECADENCE. SPRECKELS, WHO DIED IN 1977 AT THE AGE OF 27, HIRED BREWER TO PHOTOGRAPH HIS EVERY WILD MOVE. THERE'S AN AIR OF SLEAZY VOYEURISM IN THESE SHOTS OF SPRECKELS SURFING, SCHEMING, AND SCREWING AROUND. THE BOOK IS UNDENIABLY COMPELLING—ALTHOUGH IT'S PROBABLY NOT GOOD FOR YOU.

