



Light reading

Cologne-based art and fashion imprint Taschen, which specialises in statement books that often weigh and cost far more than the coffee tables they adorn, is publishing what may turn into the most indulgent library of books ever on “interesting cities”. The first one available is *Berlin – Portrait of a City*, a photographic journey into Berlin’s history with accompanying tri-lingual text. At 672 pages thick, it is as solid as a Maybach but slightly cheaper. Although there are no publication dates yet, the next “City Portrait” will be Paris, followed by Los Angeles and then London. While some will no doubt buy these lavish tomes to give as corporate gifts, others will end up finding it hard to resist collecting the whole series – even if their bookcase ends up looking more impenetrable than the Berlin Wall. Price: €60.

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