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Randy West and Vanessa on the set of 1981's *The Dancers*. Right: An early 70s promo pic



BLAME IT ON RIO!

Vanessa's book is as outrageous as the porn legend herself



A sweaty, ecstatic Vanessa from an early fuck-film loop

WHEN Taschen publish a book, they don't do it in half measures.

Take the legendary Vanessa Del Rio's massive new tell-all tome, *Fifty Years Of Slightly Slutty Behaviour* (as told to Dian Hanson), which has been FIVE YEARS in the making.

"It's huge...it's like 15lb (7kg)!" laughed the X-rated film queen – who caused millions of erections during her 12-year career in the 70s and 80s – in an exclusive interview. "It comes in a silk, fabric, leopard-print box. The book itself is white leather with a leopard-print spine and back cover. There's a big 'V' in gold embossed on it and the pages are gilded in gold, with a red ribbon book-marker. It's sorta like a Vanessa bible."

The heavily illustrated book – sadly, many of the pics are too rude for a family publication like *People* – is as over the top as the sex goddess who inspired it.

"[Benedikt] Taschen does nothing small," said the 55-year-old New York native. "He doesn't let it go to press until he's satisfied. He's a perfectionist and he has a vision. That's his art...his art is books."

Only 1500 numbered copies of the 396-page coffee table hardcover, each signed by the lusty Latina herself, have been published. Every copy also comes with a two-hour-plus DVD stuffed with new interviews and classic footage from Vanessa's career.

Now...prepare yourself...the art edition (limited to 1300 copies) will set fans back US\$700 (about AUD\$775)! Really keen admirers might wanna think about picking up the collector's edition for a wallet-destroying US\$1500 (roughly AUD\$1660)! Only 200 copies have been printed and each contains a lithograph by famed artist Robert Crumb.

No matter which version of *Fifty Years* you buy, as an added bonus, there's a golden ticket inserted in one random copy of the book.


Vanessa explained, "The lucky ticket-holder wins a night on the town with me and it'll be photographed by a world-famous photographer. Hopefully, whoever wins it claims it!"

Sadly, it wasn't us...not that we're upset or anything.

As for the book, it covers Vanessa's life from her childhood to her earliest days as a streetwalker, high-class escort and glamma model in the seedy underbelly of New York in the 70s.

It then follows her rise to the top of the adult film biz and chronicles her reasons for quitting the industry at the height of her fame in 1986.

The book also looks at her life after porn and why she embraces the title of "slut".

"I like the word 'slut,'" she states in the book. "It's a strong word for women who embrace their sexuality and refuse to be sexually controlled." 

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Bottom line: Vanessa's worth every penny

VANESSA DEL RIO
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Top to bottom: Vanessa smokin' hot in *Platinum Paradise* (1980), Robert Crumb's lithograph and Vanessa stripping in New York



Vanessa promotes *Screw* magazine. Mate, feel free to plug *People* in the same way

