

# SHOPPING

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**The Big Penis Book** (Taschen) is, surely, the books all other books have been leading up to since Gutenberg invented the printing press. It is a book entirely about big penises. Hundreds of 'em. In every colour, shape and size. From big to very large and right up to those that have their own gravitational field. A few are soft, but most are possessed of a stiffness that would, only a few years ago, have seen the publishers locked up with the key thrown away. There is also an essay by Dian Hanson in which we learn of the big penis that *"flaccid or erect it is aesthetically stunning – commanding every onlooker to consider capacity and consequence"*. Not sure exactly what this means (what is the consequence of a big penis – apart from "Owwww!" followed by a visit to the hospital?). But who cares about the boring writey-down-words bit. This is a book full of pictures of big penises.