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TWO BOOKS EXPLORE THE BEST OF YESTERYEAR'S UNDRESSED

"THEY ARE THE power organs of the human body as far as sexual obsession goes," says author and former men's magazine editor Dian Hanson, about penises and breasts. "Nothing matches them." Which is why she chose to explore these body parts through photographs, first in *The Big Book of Breasts* and now in *The Big Penis Book*, both published by Taschen. Together, the coffee-table-worthy companions make for a sexy and sometimes hilarious visual escapade, not to mention an outrageous conversation starter at your next cocktail party.

While *The Big Book of Breasts* is a celebratory collection of nude photos featuring naturally big-breasted women from the pre-silicone '50s, '60s, and '70s, *The Big Penis Book* is an anthology of pictures mostly from the '70s, when it became less taboo to depict full-frontals of men. The first *Big* book boasts photos of and interviews with some of burlesque's original performers like Tempest Storm and Candy Barr; the follow-up includes rare pics of John Holmes, as well as an excerpt of Hanson's last interview with the legendary porn star. Who better to explore society's fascination with the subject matter than Hanson? After all, she brought a female point of view to men's magazines for 25 years, a career that included an editing stint at *Juggs*. The photos in her new volume may be vintage, but as Hanson states in the introduction, "Big shoulders, big lapels, and big hair may come and go, but the big penis never goes out of fashion." [JESSICA PILOT]

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