

## BOOKS

### 1000 PIN-UP GIRLS

edited by Burkhard Riemschneider  
p/back, Taschen, £7.99

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Taschen is celebrating its 25th anniversary with new editions of some of its bestselling books, including this compendium (left) gleaned from girlie magazines of 1940s and 50s America. OK, the 'cheesecake' concept is trashy and sexist, but there's a certain charm and allure that we couldn't resist sharing with you. That whole retro pulp thang, with the lovingly illustrated covers and tantalising lingerie shots, lends itself to the Noughties coffee table. HS

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Lesbian parenting expert and past DIVA contributor Lisa Saffron has taken a dramatic new direction with her debut novel, *Checkpoint*. The story follows friends and families caught up in the Israel/ Palestine conflict. 'People want to hear that a just peace is possible,' says Lisa, 'and the novel's message is one of hope.'

[www.lisasaffron.com](http://www.lisasaffron.com)

**Comedienne Clare Summerskill reads from her new book of monologues/ stories, *We're the Girls*, at Stanza @ LaDanza, Sept 13th, introduced by our own Helen Sandler. 7.30pm, Studio LaDanza, 89**

**Holloway Rd, London. Book at [www.stanzadanza.co.uk](http://www.stanzadanza.co.uk)**

Want to star with your girlfriend in a saucy romance? Insert your names/ pet names/ other details into *Secrets of Sydney*, a lady-loving novel by Tecopa Smith, at her website [www.ustarnovels.com](http://www.ustarnovels.com)



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