

Newton's 'Sumo,' on a smaller scale

Helmut Newton liked things big. His photographs showcased the tallest models in the highest stilettos in front of the grandest Monte Carlo facades. No wonder then that his 1999 "Sumo" was the largest book ever published. Weighing in at 66 pounds and measuring 19.7 by 27.6 inches, the oversize tome was filled with the fashion images (above photo), portraiture and erotica the controversial German-born Newton was known for. It sold out upon issue and fetches amounts on resale — \$15,000 or so — that price it out of reach for most casual collectors. Enter the 10th anniversary edition of "Sumo." (In a stroke of subtlety, the name "Sumo" doesn't appear on the cover.) Priced at \$150 and downsized to 10.5 by 14.7 inches, this reissue makes the landmark photography volume accessible to the rest of us. Note: A substantial coffee table is still recommended for optimal display. See taschen.com.

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Special to the Tribune