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## BOOKS THAT MAKE YOUR COFFEE TABLE LOOK SMART

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**T**here are books, and then there are deluxe books. They're like normal books, but more badass. Hulking assemblages of essays, photographs, art, and comics are always a solid gift choice for anyone on your holiday shopping docket. To make wading through the waters of compendiumage easier, we've compiled a handy little list of the most deluxest of deluxe books. There's something here for everyone; the sports fan, the *McSweeney's*-reading hipster, the curious culinary adventurer, and the crate-digging vinylphile. This rundown will surely help you strike a few bookish friends off your gift-giving to-do list.

**FUNK & SOUL COVERS** | BY JOAQUIM PAULO | TASCHEN | 432 PAGES | \$39.99 | Joaquim Paulo began collecting vinyl at 15, and he regularly flies to London, Paris, New York and São Paulo to add to his collection of over 25,000 LPs. *Funk & Soul Covers* is his compendium of 500 record covers, classics and rarities, that defined the golden era in African-American music. From the seminal stylings of Motown's Marvin Gaye to Prince's outré embrace of androgyny and the occult, *Funk & Soul Covers* chronicles the era through the often astounding album art that helped make the genre part and parcel of 20th century music history. This tome makes for a coffee-table boogie wonderland, featuring not only the art, but interviews with preeminent industry figures, detailed cultural context, and design analysis for many of the record covers.

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