

The Big Book of Pussy

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You knew this one was coming.

Author/editor Dian Hanson continues her series of oversized guidebooks to sexual anatomy that has so far included "The Big Book of Breasts," "The Big Penis Book," "The Big Book of Legs" and "[The Big Butt Book](#)" with this magnum opus dedicated to the vulva -- "vagina," of course, being the birth canal, which is internal, dark, and nowhere near as interesting to look at -- although it has other pleasures.

Behind the cover picture of Kimberly Kane (who got paid in Taschen books, the lucky dog) are hundreds of pictures of women cheerfully exposing their usually-hidden parts, with notations of model names and photographers where available. The chapters are divided chronologically, and although not much has changed in female anatomy in the last 100 years, there sure have been a lot of changes in presentation. Familiar faces (Ginger Lynn, Christy Canyon, Seka, Dita Von Teese, Jenna Jameson) are presented cheek-by-jowl with anonymous pretty girls ranging from turn-of-the-century French postcards to the hairless-waxed contemporary look, plus the occasional gimmick photo like the 1964 promo picture of actress Honor Blackman on a beach next to the inscribed word "PUSSY."

The text -- in English, German and French, thoughtfully side-by-side -- includes an introductory essay by Hanson, followed by interviews with '70s adult performer Vanessa Del Rio (herself the subject of another Hanson book), performer-turned-director David "Pussyman" Christopher, performance artist Mouse, Fleshlight impresario Steve Shubin, performer Flower Tucci and, as a coda, man-with-a-pussy Buck Angel, uncharacteristically dressed as a woman ("Only for Taschen").

The perfect complement to the rest of the Taschen anatomy books, "The Big Book of Pussy" can be a great gift for the fancier of females, or yourself.

If your interest is piqued and you'd like a copy, it should be available at better bookstores (My favorite bookstore, Book Soup on the Sunset Strip, no doubt has it, and there are two Taschen stores in Southern California, one in Farmers Market and one in Beverly Hills) or through the Amazon.com link below. I receive a cut of the purchase price -- theoretically, it hasn't happened yet -- but you will pay the same regardless.

