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**Bigger is better: Tom of Finland, oversized for maximum pleasure**

In 1998, TASCHEN introduced the world to the masterful art of **Touko Laaksonen** with *The Art of Pleasure*. Prior to that, Laaksonen, better known as **Tom of Finland**, enjoyed an intense cult following in the international gay community but was largely unknown to the broader audience.

In 2009, TASCHEN followed up with the ultimate Tom overview: *Tom of Finland XXL*, a beautiful big collector's edition with **over 1,000 images, covering six decades of the artist's career**. The work was gathered from collections across the United States and Europe with the help of the Tom of Finland Foundation, and features **many drawings, paintings, and sketches never previously reproduced**. Other images have only been seen out of context and were finally presented in the sequential order Tom intended **for full artistic appreciation and erotic impact**.

The elegant oversized volume showed **the full range of Tom's talent, from sensitive portraits to frank sexual pleasure, to tender expressions of love, and haunting tributes to young men struck down by AIDS**, and was completed by eight commissioned essays on Tom's social and personal impact by **Camille Paglia, John Waters, Armistead Maupin, Todd Oldham**, and others, plus a scholarly analysis of individual drawings by art historian **Edward Lucie-Smith**.

The only thing missing from *Tom of Finland XXL* was a widely affordable price tag—until now. The new *Tom of Finland XXL* is still big enough to work your biceps, and **includes all of the original content, but costs a fraction of the original price**. You're welcome.

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