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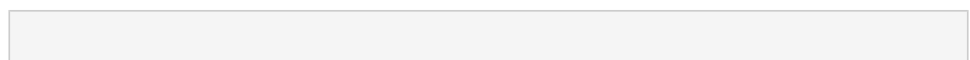
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Vanessa del Rio is limited to a total of 1,500 numbered copies, each signed by Vanessa \* 1,300 copies in the Art Edition \* 200 copies in the Collector's Edition, with a special "pimped up" cover and a Robert Crumb lithograph

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### **About the Author**

Dian Hanson produced a variety of men's magazines from 1976 to 2001, including Juggs, Outlaw Biker and Leg Show, before becoming TASCHEN's Sexy Book editor. Her 60+ books for TASCHEN include The Art of Pin-up and Psychedelic Sex. She lives in Los Angeles.

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