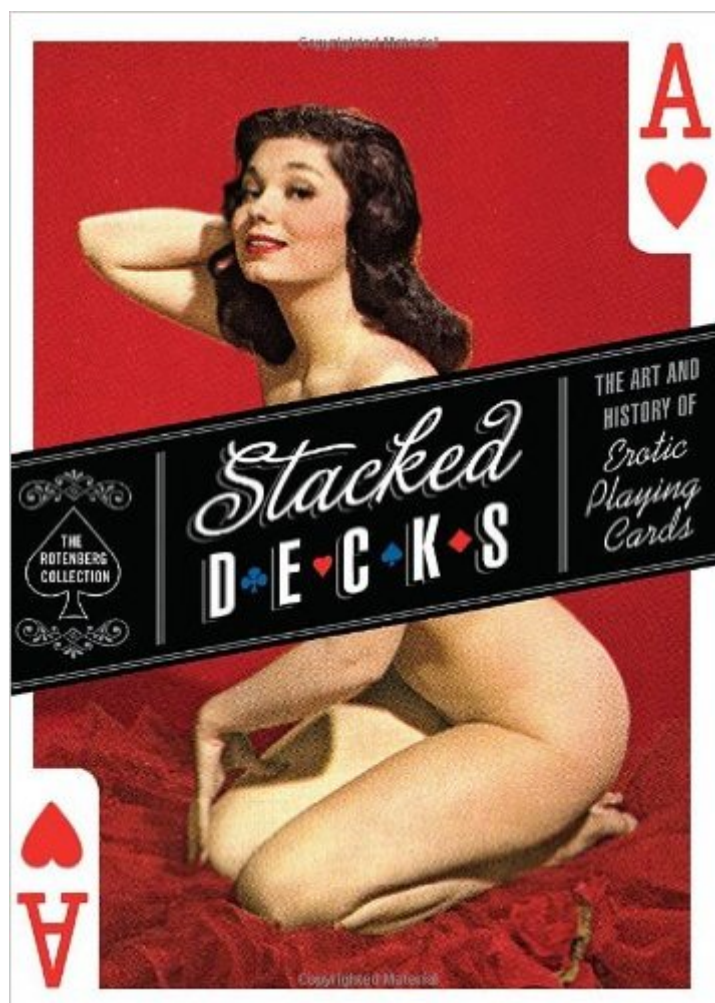


The book was found

Stacked Decks: The Art And History Of Erotic Playing Cards



Synopsis

The Rotenberg Collection is one of the world's largest archives of vintage erotica, with more than 20,000 erotic playing cards in its holdings and Stacked Decks highlights the best of the best. Within these pages, readers will discover illustrated cards dating back to 1835, dazzling pin-up portraits from renowned artists such as Gil Elvgren, cards with instructions for promoting a healthy marriage, oversized cards, miniature cards, round cards, square cards, and comic cards. There are cards from Sweden, France, and the United Kingdom; cards from Africa to Asia and beyond. And of course, there are women. There are models, flappers, and strippers; there are blondes, brunettes, and redheads. There are women holding guns. Women in sports cars. Women wearing sombreros and pith helmets. Women encountering large exotic animals. Women reclining on shag carpets. Women dressed like Eskimos. Women posing in ways that defy description "you simply have to see for yourself. So what are you waiting for? Ante up and turn the page!

Book Information

Hardcover: 192 pages

Publisher: Quirk Books (June 1, 2007)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1594741549

ISBN-13: 978-1594741548

Product Dimensions: 7.8 x 0.9 x 10.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 2.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.2 out of 5 stars See all reviews (12 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,002,770 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Antiques & Collectibles > Paper Ephemera & Cards > Non-Sports Cards #233

in Books > Arts & Photography > Painting > Portraits #441 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Puzzles & Games > Card Games

Customer Reviews

Mark Rotenberg is the obvious choice to do a book on pin-up playing cards, the intro says the contents are from his 450 decks (the world's biggest collection? Probably!). There isn't too much to say about a product that has very few clues about the models, photographers and printers yet over the years the numbers manufactured must run into the millions of packs. Of the 452 cards in the book the majority show anonymous females in predictably unimaginative stock glamour poses that card printers could buy for next to nothing. I thought the illustrative cards much more interesting.

There are a few showing the paintings of Heinz Villiger, Joyce Ballantyne, Al Moore and Gil Elvgren. Strangely no Petty or Vargas decks, maybe the reproduction rights too expensive? The best cards in the book are surely the two decks put out in 1955 by Parisian manufacturer Editions Philibert who commissioned artist Paul-Emile Becat to paint a series of miniatures showing erotic Florentine life during the Renaissance and another set about Casanova. When compared to these two decks the book's photo glamour material come across as the tacky cards they really are. It is unfortunate that the book's production is very dull. The cards are presented full on, with none angled or overlapping each other. The addition of a drop shadow would have given them a lift. As most of the cards are visually unimaginative perhaps a few still-life photos throughout the book would provide some interest: a poker hand on a card table with some chips, a scattered deck of cards as a background with four or five prominent. I thought it was particularly annoying that so many cards are shown larger than the originals (and some really are too big) which only emphasizes their cheap subject matter and poor printing.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Stacked Decks: The Art and History of Erotic Playing Cards Gustav Klimt Poker Playing Cards (2 Decks) Walter Crane Playing Cards: 2 Poker-size Decks Trick Decks: How to Hack Playing Cards for Extraordinary Magic Magic Cards: Magic the Gathering - 33 Killer Tips from a Magic Master! (Magic Cards, Magic the Gathering, Magic Decks, Magic the Gathering Tips, Magic Card Tips, How to Play Magic, Magic) Gorgeous Gallery the Best in Gay Erotic: The Best in Gay Erotic Art Feng Shui Personal Paradise Cards (Large Card Decks) Piano: The Ultimate Piano Beginner's Guide: Get To Learn the Art of Piano Playing In No Time & Surprise Your Family and Friends *FREE BONUS INCLUDED* (Music, Music Lessons, Playing Instruments) The Art of Baroque Trumpet Playing: Volume 2: Method of Ensemble Playing (Schott) Real Sex Photos For Uncensored Adult Photo Book: Sexy & Erotic Photography (Erotic Pornography Book 4) Uncensored Adult Photo Book: Blonde Erotic Adult Nudes Photography : Nude Photography, XXX, Teens, Hardcore, Erotica, Uncensored Nude Pictures, Erotic Nude Pictures (Nudity Pictures Book 1) Obsessed: Obsessed Series 3 For Adult Photo Book (Erotic Photography of women, Adult Photo Book of a naughty girl, Sexy & Erotic Photography, Erotica photography books) Wipe Clean Flash Cards ABC (Wipe Clean Activity Flash Cards) 26 cards Tuttle Japanese for Kids Flash Cards Kit: [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards) Tuttle More Japanese for Kids Flash Cards Kit: [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards) Tuttle More Indonesian for Kids Flash Cards Kit: [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards) Tuttle Chinese for Kids Flash Cards Kit Vol 1

Simplified Ed: Simplified Characters [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards) (v. 1) Tuttle Chinese for Kids Flash Cards Kit Vol 1 Simplified Character: [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Downloadable Audio, Wall Chart & Learning Guide]: Simplified Character v. 1 (Tuttle Flash Cards) Tuttle Korean for Kids Flash Cards Kit: (Includes 64 Flash Cards, Downloadable Audio, Wall Chart & Learning Guide) (Tuttle Flash Cards) Tuttle More Korean for Kids Flash Cards Kit: [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards)

[Dmca](#)