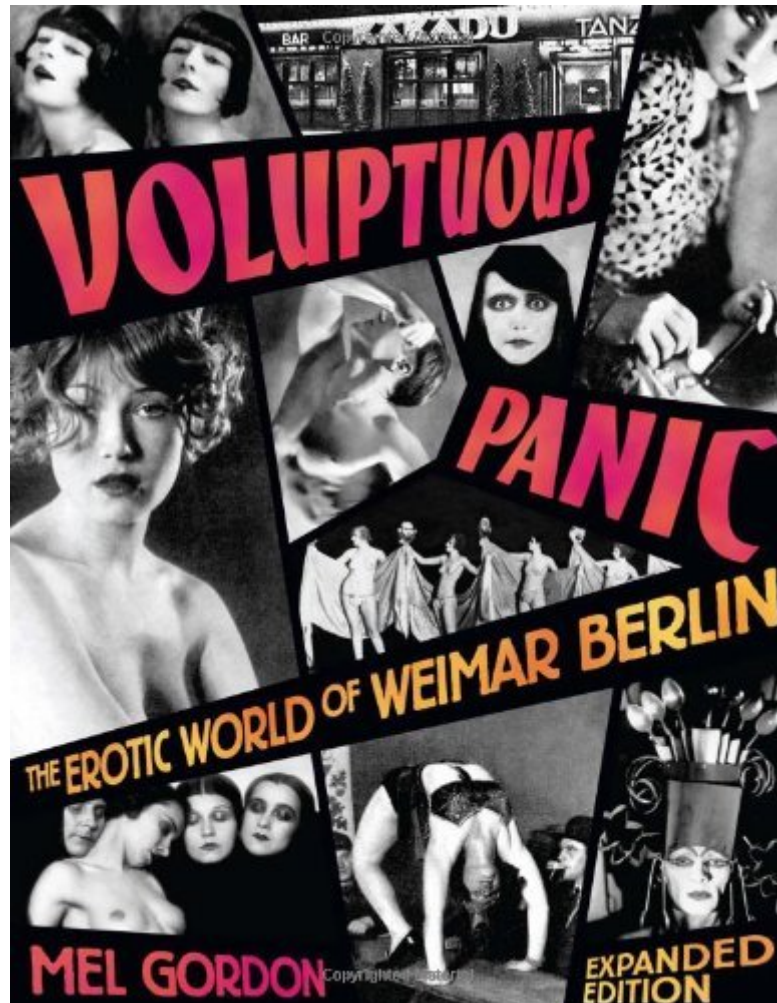


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# Voluptuous Panic: The Erotic World Of Weimar Berlin (Expanded Edition)



## Synopsis

This seductive sourcebook of rare visual delights from pre-Nazi, Cabaret-period âœ Babylon on the Spreeâ• has the distinction of being praised both by scholars and avatars of contemporary culture, inspiring hip club goers, filmmakers, gay historians, graphic designers, and musicians like the Dresden Dolls and Marilyn Manson. This expanded edition includes âœ Sex Magic and the Occult,â• documenting German pagan cults and their often-bizarre erotic rituals, including instructions for entering into the âœ Sexual Fourth Dimension.â• Mel Gordon is professor of theater at the University of California, Berkeley, and is also the author of Erik Jan Hanussen: Hitlerâ™s Jewish Clairvoyant (Feral House).

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Dignity-schmignity. Who needed it in Weimar Berlin? I tell ya, got WAAYY more than I bargained for when I read this sourcebook by Mel Gordon. This is an ugly picture of the degraded depths of which human beings are capable; some in order to survive, and others who will pay to have their unchecked impulses indulged: "The very first thing foreigners noticed in Berlin were whores..." The

sex workers had a simple motivation: "Only foodstuffs mattered." Desperation drove countless numbers of men, women, and children of all social levels into prostitution. Gordon lists 17 types of female prostitutes alone, including "gravelstones"-the deformed; "munzis"-pregnant women, and "medicine"-child prostitutes "12-16 who were 'prescribed' by pimps, posing as physicians." Indeed, there "seemed to be almost no bottom age for those seeking physical companionship with children. And virtually no end to willing girls and boys." And what about the superfreak sex tourists looking to have their most perverse desires fulfilled?-"These lurid Baedekers of the night were indispensable pilots for lost souls." Charlie Sheen is a Boy Scout next to them, and reading about the variety of weirdo "needs" that existed (and were, presumably, fulfilled), makes Cosmopolitan magazine's saucy "what-a-man-wants-in-bed" articles seem positively quaint: "...animal lovers, worshippers of obese Dominas, sadistic teachers, bare-hand flagellants, incestuous necklace fetishists (I don't even want to know what that is), urine-drinkers, bondage freaks, high-heel stompers, and s\*\*\*-sniffers." There are people who had sexual fetishes for noses, ears, hands, legs, shoes and stocking, breasts, buttocks, hair, purses, music, clothes, underwear, beds, fabrics, and flowers.

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