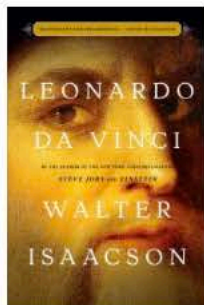




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WHAT WE'RE READING



Leonardo da Vinci By Walter Isaacson

Simon & Schuster, \$35

Let's be honest. Books about *really* dead guys are rarely engaging, often overworked, and so lengthy that they're better served as doorstops. Isaacson has masterfully pulled off a fresh biography of the ultimate Renaissance Man. It's so intriguing you'll find yourself saying, "Just one more chapter..." before bed like you're reading the latest Grisham thriller. Weighing in at just under three pounds, it may seem like a good candidate for an e-book purchase, but part of the experience with this gem is reading the print version. The design is beautifully done and it's loaded with 144 color photos of da Vinci's notebook pages, cartoons and paintings. With our world's current climate, we can all use a history lesson. —*Emily Gatlin*



Kink By Howard Schatz

Lawrence Richard Publishing, \$40

Howard Schatz is one of the world's best and most celebrated photographers, who has photographed everyone (as the saying lazily goes), published 21 stunning books, but eschewed the fame-seeking of a Dave LaChapelle or Annie Leibowitz. *Kink* is his 22nd, born from discovering, 25 years ago and by accident, the Folsom Street Fair in San Francisco, an ecstatic festival extolling kinkiness and bondage/sadomasochism. This is not a small event, up to half a million people participate or attend. Almost every year since then, Schatz has gone to the Fair, set up an outdoor studio, and photographed attendees in their expressive and sexually confrontational costumes. He sent his subjects their photograph and a questionnaire, promising a second photo if they filled it out. Many did, giving Howard a starkly frank sense of who they were and who they wanted to be. In today's gender fluid and sometimes gender and sexually confused times, these pictures and self identities particularly and unambiguously resonate. It's a beautiful coffee table book. It's not for kids, and it's not for squares. —*Bob Guccione, Jr.*

(Available for pre-orders on [Amazon](#) and published in Spring 2018 in bookstores.)

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