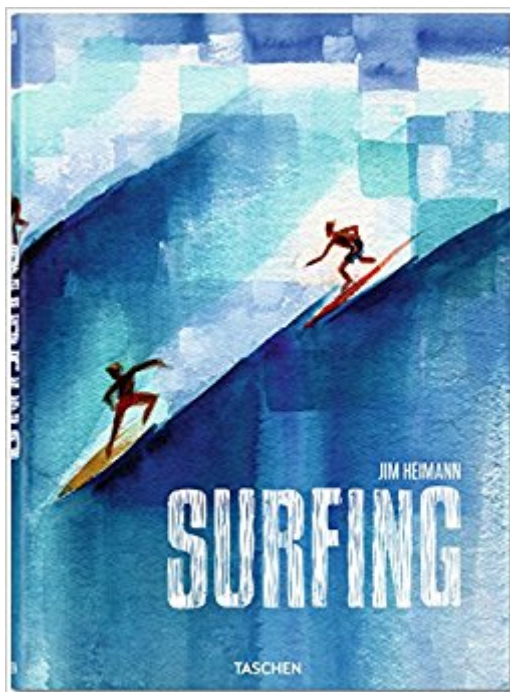


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# Surfing: 1778–Today (English)



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Cultural anthropologist and graphic design historian Jim Heimann is Executive Editor for TASCHEN America, and author of numerous books on architecture, pop culture, and the history of the West Coast, Los Angeles, and Hollywood. His unrivaled private collection of ephemera has been featured in museum exhibitions around the world and in dozens of books.

My name is Peter Soria & I received my copy of "Surfing" today. It will take many hours to completely experience it from cover to cover but just from leafing through it I can tell that this could be the ultimate book about the history of surfing. I am pleased that a photo that I took of surfers at Pacific Ocean Park can be found on page 302 & the Surfing Heritage and Cultural Center in San Clemente will financially benefit from its inclusion in the book. Someday I will write a more thorough review from the point of view of someone who was an avid surfer from 1962-2010.

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