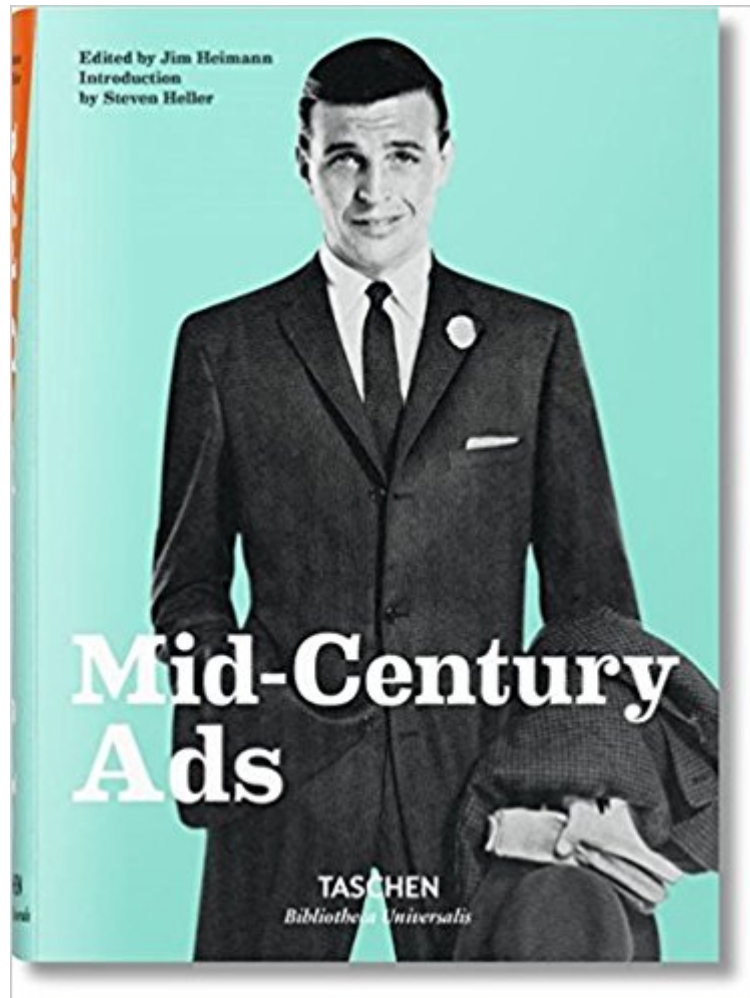




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Cultural anthropologist and graphic design historian Jim Heimann is Executive Editor for TASCHEN America, and author of numerous books on architecture, pop culture, and the history of the West Coast, Los Angeles, and Hollywood. His unrivaled private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

in museum exhibitions around the world and in dozens of books. Steven Heller is the co-chair of the School of Visual Arts MFA Designer as Author Program. For 33 years he was an art director for The New York Times, and currently writes the "Visuals" column for The New York Times Book Review. He is the author of 120 books on graphic design, illustration, and satiric art.

Just to add to the other reviews, this book clocks in at over 700 pages and three pounds yet is a smaller format book. The content, though, is superb and seemingly exhaustive--it would have benefitted from a larger size but at that point would probably be an eight or nine pound book! Thoughtfully, Taschen included a page-marking ribbon as part of the book's design--a welcome addition that aids in day-to-day browsing.

Such a fun book of vintage ads. People will love thumbing through it--lots of nostalgia and laughs! I do wish it was much bigger--it's only 5.5x8", which is great for a small end table, but not what I was expecting from a "coffee table" book.

thick book but small - lots of pages of cool ads from the decades of the mid-20th century. awesome to thumb throw just for kicks and grins but also good to stare more closely to learn something about design and get ideas for new compositions.

Great reading. Great ads from the 50's and 60's

Great for thinking about graphic design and making posters today.

A great book featuring the best of magazine ads from the 50s and 60s when a real sense of wit became a tool of the big agencies.

My girlfriend works in advertising so I bought this book for her as a birthday present. She liked it a lot as she is very interested in the old-school ad style. It's pretty neat to flip through for me as well.

Really amazing book! Very inspiring for anyone interested in advertising.

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