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Following the remarkable success of the 50th year anniversary edition, we're pleased to present *Playboy: Centerfolds, 60th Anniversary Edition*. The content remains the same—every Centerfold from every issue. That's over 600 beauties with additional Centerfolds through the present to make this Playboy's most complete photographic volume to date. Hefner introduces the book and literary luminaries including Paul Theroux, Jay McInerney, and Daphne Merkin comment on the social mores and cultural climate of each decade. This chronological collection provides an unparalleled view of our evolving appreciation of the female form: from the fifties fantasy of voluptuous blondes to the tawny beach girls of the seventies to the groomed and toned women of today. *Playboy: Centerfolds, 60th Anniversary Edition* is a breathtaking tour de force.

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bernard juozapaitis says

How can you mess up beautiful, classy women

They are exactly like I remember them. To me this volume prices that great beauty is for the ages. You can go from the fifties to thenineties

HFK says

From its sexual imagery, you understand a nation's sense of power, its notion of freedom, its mother consciousness, its toilet training, its images of release and pleasure, its taboos, its fetishes, its obsessions, its private life, which is its real life.

Playboy is considered to be a magazine that revolutionized America's sexuality, brought the dreams and fantasies of men out in the open and let women's sexuality flourish instead of keeping it tight behind the closed doors - dictated by the religious and conservative morals.

It could be said that *Playboy* visualized men's sexual fantasies, their ideal visions of beauty, but it could also be argued that *Playboy* created and shaped the desirable women for men to want and need.

Going through this collection of centerfolds shows me that the ideal beauty, sexiness has been pretty much the same from the 50's to 00's. You could easily modify women from each era to present any year of the magazine by just changing their hair, clothing and setting. Men simply loved (and love) women, and the changes in beauty standards and requirements seems to be more of the issue in our current times than it was in the past, few exceptions granted.

Playmates tended to be slim and well-kept, the size of the boobs varied from medium size to big, white ladies dominated the pages albeit the first black playmate and centerfold was published as early as -65.

My favorite era in *Playboy's* history is from the 50's to 80's. After that the glamour fades, the women turn more familiar and stale, but their eyes are always directed at you.

One of the major things that *Playboy* changed; the pictures took the "reader" to be a part of the fantasy instead of making the "reader" an silent, unnoticed observer - The Peeping Tom.

1953-1959

Marilyn Monroe was the first centerfold for *Playboy*, handpicked by Hefner himself from a photo shoot that was originally done for a sexy calendar. Monroe is also the only lady that was named as "Sweetheart of the Month" instead of the internationally known "Playmate".

The 50's was dominated by sexy domestic photos of curvier and softer (but slim) ladies, there was nakedness

but a lot of pictures left a lot to the imagination as well. The outfits were delicate, and really showed the atmosphere and needs of the era.

1960 - 1969

There was a lot more nakedness compared to the 50's in a form of boobs, but the private parts were still covered by trousers and other items. Full body pictures always covered the famous bushes, the clothing presented well of the spirit of the 60's even when domestic fantasies were still among the many pages.

1970 - 1979

Probably most fascinating era in *Playboy's* history. The body type of women changed to more toned from the curvy and soft, there was a lot of fantasy and fetish elements in clothing and setting. In the early 70's first bushes came to the picture, and in the late 70's there was already delicate spreads to be seen.

1980 - 1989

80's was an luxurious time on the pages of *Playboy*. Lingerie brought virgin-whore syndrome on the table, there was more diversity among the women (in the picture below a Finnish Kata Kärkkäinen), and the "porny look" got some wind under the wings. To me this is the era I remember porn from; big hair, glamorous make up, sexy lingerie.

1990 - 1999

In the 90's women changed to more dominant and independent, sexually strong and in charge. That is a good thing whereas the bad thing is the silicone implants starting to dominate the pages from there to here. Good implants okay, bad implants not so. The bush-grooming seemingly really took off mid 90's as did the fake tanning.

2000-

Bushes are trimmed to the maxim, an era of smooth and hairless. Bodies get the sporty going, all the eras mixing in many ways. Young, schoolgirlie-alike fantasies to many men.

I own this as an digital version, which is naturally not the way to own it. There was enough problems in the layout, not all the centerfolds showing as they should. The physical copy is a must to anyone who desires to dwell inside the history of *Playboy*, but unfortunately these copies are small editions. I think it should be published as original size, to show respect to the models and the years of running this magazine.

Playboy's glory days are behind, but it was nice to get me a glimpse of the past. It always shows my nostalgic side. Things just always seemed to be more interesting than they are in today's world even it probably ain't so in reality.

But you know, history is and history does, even with porn.
