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"...From beer-swilling dwarves to begging dachshunds and California surfers to ultra-classy Lalique glass ornaments, this book takes a look at the manifestations this need for self-expression has taken....Beautifully lit and photographed, the images have that distinctive reach-out-and-touch-it appeal. Casting marks, scratches in the metal, oxidation, smoked glass, clear glass--that everything looks so lifelike in print is thanks to photographer Furman's long-time collaborators at Brilliant Graphics."

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