

Burlesque Bibliography

Books

- **Vaudeville and Early “Classical” Burlesque**
 - American Popular Entertainment (Myron Matlaw)
 - The Best Burlesque Sketches (Ralph Allen)
 - Horrible Prettiness: Burlesque and American Culture (Robert C. Allen)
 - Minsky’s Burlesque: A Fast and Funny Look at America’s Bawdiest Era (Morton Minsky and Milt Machlin)
 - No Applause, Just Throw Money: The Book That Made Vaudeville Famous (Trav S.D.)
 - Town Hall Tonight (Harlowe R. Hoyt)
 - Vaudeville Humor (Ed Lowry)
 - The Ziegfeld Follies: A History in Text and Pictures (Marjorie Farnsworth)
- **American Burlesque Striptease**
 - The Bare Truth: Stars of Burlesque from the 40’s and 50’s (Len Rothe)
 - Blaze Starr: My Life as Told to Huey Perry (Blaze Starr and Huey Perry)
 - Burlesque: A Living History (Jane Briggeman)
 - Burlesque: Legendary Stars of the Stage (Jane Briggeman)
 - The G-String Murders (Gypsy Rose Lee)
 - Gypsy: Memoirs of America’s Most Celebrated Stripper (Gypsy Rose Lee)
 - Pretty Things: The Last Generation of American Burlesque Queens (Liz Goldwyn)
 - The Queens of Burlesque: Vintage Photographs of the 1940’s and 1950’s (Len Rothe)
- **Nouveau Burlesque**
 - Burlesque and the Art of the Tease (Dita von Teese)
 - Burlesque and the New Bump-N-Grind (Michelle Baldwin)
 - The Burlesque Handbook (Jo Weldon)
 - Dr. Sketchy’s Official Rainy Day Colouring Book (Molly Crabapple and John Leavitt)
 - The Happy Stripper: Pleasures and Politics of the New Burlesque (Jacki Willson)
 - New Burlesque (Katharina Bosse)
 - The Velvet Hammer Burlesque (Michelle Carr)
- **Pin-Up Pictorials and Culture**
 - 1,000 Pin-Up Girls (Taschen)
 - The Great American Pin-Up (Charles G. Martignette and Louis K. Meisel)
 - The History of Girly Magazines (Dian Hanson)
 - Va-Va-Voom! Classic Hollywood Pin-Ups (Chris Chang)

Films

- **Vintage Performances***
 - Best of Burlesque
 - Irving Klaw's Teaserama
 - Irving Klaw's Varietease
 - Striptease: The Greatest Exotic Dancers of All Time
- **Instruction**
 - Jo Weldon's Honey and Spice: Sensual and Fierce Burlesque
 - Jo Weldon's Silk and Feathers: Burlesque Fan Dance
 - Jo Weldon's Striptease for Burlesque, Exotic Dance, and Real Life
 - Michelle L'amour's Tools of the Tease: Feather Boa Techniques
 - Michelle L'amour's Tools of the Tease: Beginning Fan Dance
 - Princess Farhana's Hot Moves for Cool Chicks
- **Documentary**
 - Behind the Burly Q (2010, Joan Arline and Dixie Evans)
 - Burlesque Undressed (2010, Immodesty Blaize)
 - Camp Burlesque (2005, Erochica Bamboo and Kitten DeVille)
 - The Velvet Hammer Burlesque: The Movie (2004, Michelle Carr and Kitten DeVille)
 - A Wink and a Smile: The Art of Burlesque (2008, Miss Indigo Blue)
- **Inspired by Burlesque**
 - Blaze (1989, Paul Newman and Lolita Davidovich)
 - Dance, Girl, Dance (1940, Lucille Ball)
 - Gypsy (1962, Natalie Wood)
 - Gypsy (1993, Bette Midler)
 - Lady of Burlesque (1943, Barbara Stanwyck)
 - Mrs. Henderson Presents (2005, Judi Dench)
 - The Night They Raided Minsky's (1968, Britt Ekland)

Music

- **Burlesque-Specific Compilations and Recordings**
 - Camp Burlesque Soundtrack (Various Artists)
 - Girls! Girls! Girls! The Best of Burlesque and Striptease Music (Various Artists)
 - How to Strip (Sonny Lester Orchestra)
 - Music of the Stripper (David Rose and his Orchestra)
 - Shim Sham Revue: Music of New Orleans Burlesque Shows of the 30's, 40's, and 50's (Ronni Magri)
 - Striptease: A Walk on the Burlesque Side (Various Artists)
 - Take It Off: Strip Tease Classics (Various Artists)
 - Tease! The Beat of Burlesque (Various Artists)

** Many vintage performances are available for purchase at somethingweird.com and are available for viewing on Something Weird's YouTube channel.*

- **Burlesque-Appropriate Compilations and Recordings**
 - Buzzola's Vintage Song Series
 - Juice Head Baby: Vintage Songs About Booze and Bars 1925-1952
 - Junkers, Jivers, and Coke Fiends: Vintage Songs About Drugs 1926-1952
 - Kickin' Hitler's Butt: Vintage Anti-Fascist Songs 1940-1944
 - Ride Daddy Ride: Vintage Songs About Sex 1927-1953
 - Sugar in My Bowl: Vintage Sex Songs 1923-1952
 - Las Vegas Grind Series
 - Swingstation Series
 - Ultra Lounge Series

Other

- **Periodicals**
 - Bachelor Pad Magazine
 - Burlesque Magazine
 - Pin Curl Magazine
 - Shimmy Magazine
- **Podcasts**
 - The Bachelor Pad Radio Show (Java)
 - The Burlesque Podcast (Lili von Schtupp)

Note: This is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to what information is out there regarding burlesque. A newcomer to the art-form may easily be overwhelmed. If you only have time to experience three things on this list, please make sure to read “The Burlesque Handbook” by Jo Weldon, watch “Striptease: The Greatest Exotic Dancers of All Time” and listen to “Tease! The Beat of Burlesque”. These three items alone will give you a basic knowledge of the sounds, sights, and styles of the burlesque world past and present. Enjoy!