Adults Only!

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I happened to be working on my Girlie collection some time ago, and I came across some 'adult-oriented' covers, mainly brothels, strip clubs, and the like, which, upon examination, I certainly wanted to keep, but there was only one problem--no girlies! And with no girlies, I couldn't rightly keep them as part of my Girlie collection, I reasoned. Sooooo, I started an “Adults Only!” collection.

The qualifying characteristic, here, is that the business advertised be adult-oriented or at least offer ‘adult entertainment’ of some sort...the more perverted the better! The covers, themselves, may or may not have graphics. For example, the Deja Vu cover below has a pair of legs...but legs alone don’t qualify as a Girlie cover. Or, the graphic may simply be a woman’s head or face...or simply a pair of lips, as in the Lipstik cover below. Much more frequently, however, the cover may be all text, as in the Calico Club brothel, here.

Well, by this point, you may be wondering what other types of covers, besides brothels and strip clubs, might be included here. Looking at my own small collection so far, I can see: some night clubs, topless clubs, adult musicals, some Casino covers, adult phone services, adult books stores, and adult novelty stores. So far, I have about 45 in my collection.

With only one or two exceptions, all the covers in my collection are reverse strikers (yet another testament to our post-1950s moral decline). So far, I only have 20s, 30s, 40s, and one box, but I’m sure there will prove to be a greater variety after I’ve been collecting these covers for awhile. It’s an interesting category...decadent, but interesting!