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"A finely detailed, borderline obsessive history." **NEW YORK TIMES**

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Of Beards and Men: The Revealing History of Facial Hair



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Beards— History, then, has established specific meanings for undesired facial hair, which both inspire and constrain a guy's extremely popular these days. THE BRAND NEW York Instances traces this hairy tendency to NY hipsters circa 2005 and reports that today some New Yorkers pay thousands of dollars for undesired facial hair transplants to disguise patchy, juvenile beards. Take a look around: from hip urbanites to rustic outdoorsmen, well-groomed metrosexuals to post-season hockey players, facial hair is just about everywhere. And in 2014, blogger Nicki Daniels excoriated bearded hipsters for turning symbolic of manliness and power right into a flimsy style declaration. The beard, she said, has turned into the cushioned bra of masculinity.s bearded renaissance is component of a centuries-long routine in which face hairstyles possess varied in response to changing ideals of masculinity.Of Beards and Males makes the case that today' Christopher Oldstone-Moore clarifies that the clean-shaven encounter offers been the default style throughout Western history—find Alexander the Great's beardless encounter, for example, seeing that the Greek heroic ideal.s bristled resurgence. But the primacy of razors offers been challenged through the years by four great bearded motions, beginning with Hadrian in the second hundred years and stretching to today' The clean-shaven face today, Oldstone-Moore says, has arrive to signify a virtuous and sociable guy, whereas the beard marks someone as self-reliant and unconventional.their's options in how he presents himself to the world. This amazing and erudite background of facial hair cracks the masculine locks code, shedding light on the choices men make because they shape the hair on the faces. To a surprising degree, we find, the annals of males is written on the faces. Oldstone-Moore adeptly lays to rest common misperceptions about beards and vividly illustrates the connection between grooming, identity, tradition, and masculinity.



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I found the book "Of Beards and Males" interesting at ... I found the reserve "Of Beards and Guys" interesting at the start. It had a wealth of history which was problematic for me to maintain altogether in my got. To create the stage, the reserve first examines the possible evolutionary advantages of beards which, it seems, boil down to three: they are an accident or harmless byproduct without pressure to resolve (think man nipples), they signal dominance to potential rivals or they attract potential mates. All with and without beards. A well crafted publication!. Enjoyed the reading very much. Oldstone-Moore correctly notes in early stages that not absolutely all male phenotype groupings are as hirsute as the European/Caucasian types, so it is challenging to see how beards and body hair generally are adaptive, as well as perhaps they aren't." -- Hugo Full disclosure: I have a beard.. In comparison, it's a fairly modest expanse of facial hair. I also call Portland home, a city where extravagant and cautiously maintained beards (beard oil is a thing?. There are many profiles along the way, from historic philosophers to the first body builder, Eugene Sandow, to some of the rogues of the modern world — Hitler and Stalin, for instance. When asked why I maintain a beard, my answer is normally constantly the same: Kathleen likes it, and I'm lazy — for the reason that order. Five Stars The book was exactly as advertised and shipped as preferred. The tension between those two — purity of body and soul and the willingness to embrace our untamed natures — and how it plays out on the chins of man, is at the heart of the book. When I received it as something special (thanks Stephanie) I thought it might be a bit of a lark with some interesting occasions and lots of bad puns. as a gift and book is being read and enjoyed quite definitely given as a gift and book has been read and enjoyed very much. It had details of people throughout background in political, religion, and military positions. All three are, of course, impossible to prove however the latter explanation may be the most compelling. Checks have shown women tend to rate men with beards as more aggressive and dominant (signs, at least in the bad old days, of a protective mate), though not attractive. .. I'd like to think my beard predates the hipster movement. For all, their decisions concerning facial hair are put within a broader context of the cultural norms these were trying to make the most of or overturn.. But after scanning this publication, I realize there might be even more to it — some nonconscious desire to persuade the globe that I am both civilized enough to hold my verdant facial foliage in check, yet also unafraid of displaying this woolly connection to the unfiltered natural shine of a wild guy. Three Stars Interesting, but in any other case a slow moving book. However, men with stubble (yes, Sonny Crockett, I'm talking about you) have emerged as more appealing than clean shaven guys because it would seem they have the very best of both worlds. Enjoyed the reading quite definitely Very Fascinating and interesting history on beards. After that, it's a full on roller coaster trip through history with the beard serving as a bellwether for man's struggle between clean shaven (signaling purity, civility and spiritual introspection) and bearded (signaling independence, masculinity and natural vitality). Instead, it really is a well-written, intriguing and sophisticated historical evaluation of the sociable and cultural forces that, through the centuries, have determined whether beards had been recognized and cultivated or rejected and shorn. Two Stars Was expecting something quite different Enjoy! It's truly a fascinating, well-written and well-researched book in regards to a seemingly banal topic that provides deep and unexpected insights into the forces of background and the chins of males. Not like a Walt Whitman or a Leo Tolstoy beard to be certain.) adorn the faces of several tattooed young men. Beautiful book, looking towards reading it shortly as it is currently in the que. Meh not worth the money I actually thoroughly enjoyed this book A history of men and beards, written by a sometimes bearded professor of background, through the lens of cultural and cultural modification. How suitable! As a sometimes bearded

male, though I usually withhold the mustache through my bouts of shaving, and keep the beard carefully cropped for simple maintenance, I found it fascinating, though sluggish going, if which makes sense. "Let your beards grow, all ye who are ugly and desire to be handsome! The author points out early on that changes in undesired facial hair are never simply matters of fashion, but in my view all fashions, female or male, are statements of identification. Who knows? Probably they are mostly ornamental - one way amongst others for ladies to sort out the guys from the boys? How indeed can it be in any other case? I thoroughly enjoyed this publication, but I somehow sense this will not be for everyone's literary tastebuds. You won't have mass charm, but for me as a reader, that is not much concern. Anticipation. Four Stars I didn't actually read the whole point because I bought it for a grandson who has grow a beard!



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