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Encyclopedia of the Exquisite: An Anecdotal History of Elegant Delights



Encyclopedia of the Exquisite is a way of living guidebook for the Francophile and the Anglomaniac, the gourmet and the design maven, the armchair traveler and the art lover. It's an homage to the esoteric globe of glamour that doesn'pendium of style, it merges whimsy and practicality, traipsing through the good arts and the worlds of fashion, food, travel, home, backyard, and beauty. Going for a cue from the exotic encyclopedias of the sixteenth century, which brimmed with mysterious artifacts, Jessica Kerwin Jenkins's fondness for the luscious Bartlett pear; A comt need much spending but makes us feel rich.s a lot, from the extravagant to the eccentric. Topics covered are the explosive background of champagne; the crazy riot incited by the appearance of London'bration of high end that doesn' Parliament' the first lacy, racy lingerie; It really is a cele the artwork of lounging on a divan;s first top hat; Julia Kid's tip for cooking an ideal omelet; the polarizing practice of putting on reddish lipstick during World War II;s 1650 attempt to suppress European countries's Encyclopedia of the Exquisite targets the elegant, the rare, the commonplace, and the delightful. the Indian origin of badminton; frillies," Louis XIV's beauty tag fad; the development of japan kimono; the pil and the fanciful excitement of dining alfresco.s Egyptian obelisk; grimage of Central Recreation area' Cleverly illustrated, Encyclopedia of the Exquisite is an ode to life' Each access features several engaging anecdotes, illuminating the curious past of every enduring way to obtain beauty. the ancient uses of sweetsmelling saffron; the emergence of "t necessarily require money.



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A GEM Seldom does One find such a slight book filled up with plump delights like sugars plums, as this. I guess as they say, the very best things can be found in small deals. I gave this as present tomy brother years ago and he constantly dropped juicy small bits into my psyche. Finally I had to get my very own copy, which today about the Kindle Fire, (since I leave abroadand cannot really spend the money for luxury of hardcover books) the drawings and visualsare right there too enhancing the text. RA Martin (Abracadabra Tarot) The Kindle version isn't great I actually regret purchasing the Kindle version of the book. Christmas has ended, but this makes afabulous gift any time of the entire year. There are items you'd expect in a reserve with this title: "lace", "champagne", "tea", "masquerades", "nectar and ambrosia" but then there are stuff like "hello", "talk", "subaquatic", and "crickets" (the bug, not the sport) that seem sort of out of place. It is also kind of a headache to zoom in on images. This book seems enjoy it was intended for printing (or at least a higher-resolution e-reader format compared to the Kindle Touch). Design-wise, the illustrations harken an age group generations previous, with tattered edges to complement the mood. It's a really cool concept, and this content seems pretty great, but the experience of reading it in black and white is kind of depressing. I was expecting a better book. Two Stars Disappointing. Then there are items that just appear to be space-fillers: "lightning" (wait, doesn't that belong in a third-grade technology textbook? I was expecting a better book. does literate human not know what a miracle is usually? All in all, I wish I acquired saved my cash (and the whole selling point of "coffee table reserve" is sort of a stretch-it's physically a pretty small book, not really the large glossy type of factor you picture on a coffee table). Savoring the great font and creamy, deckle-edged pages can be an atavistic satisfaction in these electronic times -- and a grand exemplory case of why human beings still want and need actual books. There are several sections in right here that are informative and fun to read full of lovely specifics, but I idea the entire book would be such, not just a few parts.) and "twilight" (again, is usually this a dictionary? each entry a small, choice little bit of chocolate for the mind I join all the other reviewers in my praise of this completely charming book. I think any smart, curious female will like it, just as she will love the author's inspiration, imagination, curation, and wit. My Girlfriend Can't Put it Down I gave this as a gift for my girlfriend, and she can't appear to put it straight down. I detect a tiny bit of gender role socialization in the decision of entries, but nothing at all of the bluntly stupid "Guys are from Mars, Females are from Venus" kind.Kudos, too, to the publisher, Nan A. Arrived early, great condition and fun topic to read.)While I've had the reserve, I've delighted in dipping in it -- just allowing it to fall open, and reading the entry I first see. Lately, I've started reading it systematically from A to Z, and that's just charming. The book is very light and entertaining-yet informative about "exquisite delights" from the past. An elegant edition of the "bathroom book" Better than a over sized printing Visitors Digest.. For entries about which I, too, know a little something, I am dropped in admiration at Kerwin Jenkins' capability to reduce accurately researched background to the mot both bon and juste. Talese, for giving the book such an excellent physical appearance!).. It can have lengthy descriptions and not as many pictures as people would like, but I get the entries and the entire. The book is wondrously informative, gently witty and often generous in its treatment of its topics.. This one does provide the story behind .. It looks very expensive and the cover is usually to die for. I purchased one as a hostess present, and after searching through it, i purchased one for myself. The insects for sale as snake food in the pet store are considered exquisite? This book is absolutely magical... I think this book would maximize delightful birthday or Xmas gift for just about any literate person with both flavor, and a taste for indulging in the wonder of the world!), cloud type classification (see previous), "velocity" (maybe even more fifth-grade science book) "miracles" (really? This one does

supply the story behind all the "exquisite" and some stuff that are discussed are simply not that "exquisite". Strongly suggested way to as the hours away. If I find myself nodding in contract about the topics with which I am familiar, I find myself equally willing to trust her to inform me all about new factors (who understood that the first Bartlett pear was called Le Bon Chretien? a quick look is enough to give one a burst of whimsy -- like a small mental chocolate. Actually a good coffee table book-never does not strike up a conversation. Smart, curious men will surely like it too; Each entry is brief; Evidently, my girlfriend claims that reading it at bedtime makes her sleep and dream better! WHO KNEW?! When I believe of exquisite high-class feminine objects, crickets simply don't contain the same charm as perfume or folding fans and blancmange. Five Stars Beautiful book, ideal for rainy day reading. Five Stars Delightful Reading. Luxe and eccentric topic Nice hard cover publication, a pleasure to take care of. It's my current Great Light Throne book, and frequently I stay on the throne longer than I must just to finish off the interesting tidbit of probably useless information (and still gets a rare 5-star from me, suppose). It's very well researched and better still written, with an almost-smug wit to it. Not really what I expected This book is a nice one to grab and read a few pages at the same time and skip aroundeach item is followed by a page or two explanation of its origins etc so it's nice to just page through rather than read front-to-back. Overall, highly recommended way to while the hours away. Not really interesting to me. Makes an excellent present for the aesthetes in your daily life! Book Love it. . Yes, It can have lengthy descriptions rather than as many pictures as people would like, but I discover the entries and the overall appearance of the publication makes up for this.. my book--bought it as a gift--so can't state how good it actually is Not my book--bought it as a gift--so can't state how good it actually is, but guality of the books seemed ok. If the person I gave it too loves it, I'll try to update this review. Five Stars Fabulous!



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