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Taking the Waters: Spirit, Art, Sensuality



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By the author of Harem.Illustrated with a varied collection of historic and modern artwork, a study of the spiritual and sensual attractions of drinking water traces the development of spas from prehistoric instances to the present.



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Spirit, Spas, Artwork, Sensuality, History, Mythology of Water Ms Croutier gives a well researched and thorough perspective on the history and adoration for our "Noblest Element", drinking water. The focus of this book is spas, health retreats, baths and drinking water- and that is great, but there's so much more!"From the Kogi Indians (spelled Cogui in this publication), who reside in the Columbian mountains, comes an admonition to the globe about the misuse of drinking water and environmental degradation: ["What is water?Ms Croutier states that ".] To the Kogi, the word for water and spirit are the same..I was born under the indication of Aquarius-the Water Bearer-in a house facing the sea... and today living in a residence facing another sea". and therefore it soon came to be called 'the mom of most that is special'. During the book are rates, lines and poetry from notables throughout background regarding their observations in the value and dynamics of water. In the Preface for instance, there is: ["As Benjamin Franklin's `Poor Richard's Almanac' observes: "Once the well's dry, we know the worth of water".] and in Ms Croutier's own words: "Drinking water has it's own vocabulary. Water could not can be found without earth, fire, or air. A responsible appreciation of water is fundamental to your ecological, environmental, and spiritual values." Well put and what a "dance" she portrays! Its fate is usually to be something not yetspecialized... water's presence is thus an existing-for-others...From Hegel: "Water is the element of selfless comparison, it passively exists for others.. A virtual spa visit Very beautiful book! No question she shows such impressive sensitivity to the topic." (p 13)On web page 14 in "Myths of Creation" is: "Among historic civilizations, drinking water was sanctified because the source of life, the ejaculate, the juice of the earth's womb. It shaped a common thread in their creation myths. Great coffee table book Lovely reproductions of paintings, most on the subject of bathing. Five Stars Great I love the dynamic methods water is potrayed as sacred This is a great book which describes the importance of the element water. I believe that by observing the ways that people have danced with it throughout history, we can gain a deeper awareness of this most valuable element. The countless posters, photos, renown paintings and drawings are well chosen and beautiful and makes this book a lovely table top addition." Water is existence itself.. Great coffee desk book. After reading this reserve, one will no doubt have a more profound respect for the amazing medium that makes spas and health retreats therefore refreshing, rejuvenating and pleasant! The work of creation was perceived by the primitives because the catharsis of a dance that the great deities performed. That is one of those books you can grab, open it at any place and just begin reading. ("The Prophecy of Water"- p 183)At the end of the reserve is a resource guidebook to famous spas/health resorts from around the globe. These deities were sun and rain, inseparable and interdependent systems orchestrating the cycles of nature, the times of year, and the sustenance of most beings. The world mythology around water, to the sacred springs on the planet, to ritual use aswell asll the bathing rites. This publication evokes sensuality, gratitude and reverence for the role that water plays along with inspires how we can artistly incorpate this element into our lives. Very lovely artwork. Simply wish I experienced the money to afford to go the spas she writes about. Still a girl can dream:)



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