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Part history, part cultural commentary, part memoir, *The Roots of Desire* is a witty and entertaining investigation into what it means to become a redhead. A redhead rarely runs unnoticed in a crowded area. Such is the power of what's actually a genetic mutation, and in *The Roots of Desire*, Marion Roach takes a fascinating look at the science behind locks color and the functions redheads have played over time. From Judas Iscariot to Botticelli's *Venus* to Julianne Moore, redheads have already been worshipped, idealized, fetishized, feared, and condemned, leaving their mark on us and our tradition. Hitler banned intermarriage with redheads for fear of generating "deviant offspring"; She discovers that in Greek mythology, redheads become vampires once they die; Redheads have been stereotyped, marginalized, sought after, and made to work as from a political statement to a symbol of individual carnality. In Hollywood, female redheads are believed sexy while male redheads are considered a hard sell off; and in the nineteenth century, it was popular belief that redheads were the strongest scented of all females, smelling of amber and violets. Women with reddish locks were burned as witches through the Inquisition; A redhead herself, Roach provides candor and outstanding insight to the complicated and revealing history of redheads, making this a stand-out narrative and an important tool in understanding the mechanics and phenomenon of reddish colored hair.



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Red heads The writer writes about myths of experiencing naturally colored red locks. Red Head authorized! Roach. She associates crimson hair with various temperaments. Crimson heads, she says, are hot tempered, very sexy, and a little bit on the evil side. I chose to tread this book because I like the author and I happen to possess two gorgeous crimson headed grandchildren. This book is easy to learn and understand. The premise is only opinion. She cites historic legend. As a redhead, an all natural redhead, this has undoubtedly been one of my favorite non fiction books of all time! "Roots of Desire" gives an accurate account of the genealogy, history, and evolution of Crimson Heads in a captivating way with a portrayal of our heritage within an easy go through. I couldn't place it down until I was completed, and I'm still drawn to read it again and again. A more "extensive significant inquiry" as the Chicago Tribune review on the back cover says, may have delved in to the psychology of color - why red is regarded as a power color, while blue is perceived as soothing, yellowish uplifting; She continues on and on about her stop by at Darwin's house, gives no insight except one that she misses: Red locks is barely a characteristic of the fittest because it's frequently associated with fair skin susceptible to sunburn, producing redheads more vulnerable in lots of parts of the globe. If I had it to accomplish again, I wouldn't waste my money or my time on this publication. Throughout it, however, I kept considering it browse like self-masturbation for the reason that this is 200-plus pages of a female basically in pursuit of exploring what makes her so amazing to herself. Therefore, I read this fresh book by Ms. Just what a disappointment! It's dropped on her that, pursuing Darwin's theory, it will have died out way back when, overtaken by "fitter" features let alone eliminated because it was regarded as a indication of sin during certain periods. Red-heads, as she highlights, are most prevalent where the sun is normally weakest, in often-grey places like England, Ireland and Scotland. Her lengthy tries at explaining the genetics of reddish colored locks are redundant and vacuous, leaving the reader with nothing. Her again-lengthy explanations about why a few of history's most infamous people like Lilith and Eve are portrayed in the arts as red-heads completely neglect what is most obvious: Their hair color is anyone's imagine and they are portrayed long after their existence by artists using crimson for its visceral have an effect on on the viewer. I'd highly recommend this publication to anyone who's blessed with crimson roots in addition to those who fancy the Red head gene! Roach combs out some intriguing information: tales from religious beliefs & myth, genetic codes & But this publication doesn't solution its subtitle. The author tackles science, myths, visits witch camp, marvels at all the redheads (like herself) she spies in Scotland. it is very interesting and readable, so it was easy for me to appear past the fact that i found the author to become a bit annoying. this was an upgraded for my last book, which have been signed by the author. I am a reddish colored head and it experienced some really interesting stuff. Information But Few Insights Redheads have fascinated me nearly my life. I've no idea why. I'm not really a redhead nor are there any redheads in my own family. Probably it's ingrained into my Irish genes. Who knows? Regardless, I'm always looking for a deeper understanding of this subconscious obsession. She would go to witch camp to discover more regarding redheads, but hardly ever completes the inquiry. A and folks from the Bible who have been supposed redheads populating character due to that truth. In The Roots of Desire we do get a little bit of insight into the meaning of crimson hair. Part history, component science report, part memoir, in this reserve Ms. then to abstract that into why red-heads are fulfilled with such solid reaction, be it love, lust, fear, or hate. The superficial sexual thread throughout is cheap and it's such a shame since there is so much richness in the stories of redheads ever sold, fiction, and art. Ideally I'd like even more of why some women elect to go red, probably even more of what some males find so compelling about it, why some witches dye their locks crimson -- I do think it's an work of rebellion for a few, since the color's boldness is nearly a dare -- alongside even more myths and legends peppered in with a few of the science. General, however, I was still left a bit disappointed. Probably I was simply longing for something more or different, but I felt I was left unchanged by this book. I found it to become meandering when I wanted it to come quickly to a point. It was borrowed rather than returned So So Shallow book, previous myths and the rest felt like it was made up. A must have for any redhead's library! Still, for anyone who has an interest in redheads, this is a hard book to pass up. It has its pleasures which should be experienced. interesting read i actually actually got this reserve as a replacement for a friend whose book we borrowed and accidentally destroyed the cover, so right now i've her old duplicate. im not really a red head, but she recommended the book therefore i browse it. i dont enjoy the author's tone, though thats more of an individual preference. What a

disappointment for us redheads. this was an upgraded for my last book, which ... Great Amazing book. I found it to be scattershot when I wanted more concentrate. It falls beneath the idea everyone comes with an opinion and everyone wants to express their. Must reading for redheads Every redhead should have it. Could possibly be more compelling I'd hoped this might be a more riveting browse, but it's a bit meandering and somewhat lacking, also to be honest, I have a few more web pages to go before I finish, and it's been a long slog to complete elements of it. Statistically redheads generally have higher intelligence, but Roach certainly can not be accused of that. I wish I'd browse the negative reviews because they're all right: Roach is everywhere in this sketchy tome riddled with unnecessarily challenging run-on sentences and inflated narcissism. Not a bad thing always, but it's distracting. emotional study, personal anecdotes. Plus this is released in the mid-2000s, before Mad Males debuted (and who could forget Joan Holloway) and the existing trend of dying locks crazy colors, including a lot of unbelievable and unbelievably vivid reds. Fellow redheads - go through this book! Ultimately, I felt I knew more facts about redheads but nothing more about myself and my link with them. Five Stars Great book; arrived promptly. Not very revealing. Excellent



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