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Dishes



Synopsis

Dishes is the dish obsessive's dream come true – a definitive guide to the colorful, wonderful dinner plate, with hundreds of patterns organized thematically and annotated with historical details and charming anecdotes that span centuries and continents. The book is chock-full of everything a dish lover could hope for, including more than 600 of history's most stunning plates; profiles of iconic manufacturers like Wedgwood, Spode, and Homer Laughlin; patterns by world-famous artists and designers, from Frank Lloyd Wright to Vera Wang; and so much more. This chunky, intensely satisfying little package makes the perfect gift for antiques collectors, decorators, brides-to-be, hostesses, and anyone else who finds tableware addictingly irresistible.

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Customer Reviews

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There are lots of pretty pictures, but I was hoping for something that would teach me more about dishes, their history, their makers, their value, etc. I didn't learn anything from this book- there isn't much text at all. What little text there is, is not particularly useful, either, just statements like

"Humans love animals so it should come as no surprise that animals form a popular dinnerware motif." Plus it is a very tiny, palm sized book, almost distractingly small. I was so excited to get this book, since I love plates so much, but unfortunately it was a disappointment.

This pocketbook-size book is just a smaller version of Riegler's book Dish: 813 Colorful, Wonderful Dinner Plates. Had I been sure of this, I would not have purchased it since I have the larger, more in-depth book. The photographs are amazing, however, and this is still a fun little book to have lying around.

Very good reference book for dinner ware designs

Great photos of dishes of all kinds through history. Fun.

Good read very informative and great pictures. Have it on my Kindle Fire and refer to it when I go to auctions.

A comprehensive, delightful gem of a book. Super gift for that hard to buy for collector, entertainer and person who has everything !

If you love dishes, china, plates, whatever you call them, whether on your table, a hutch or on the wall, this is a book to savor!

...a small book...handy to carry when hunting for that special piece

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