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Matisse: A Way Of Life In The South Of France



Synopsis

This book celebrates the artist's style of living, his unique eye for color, and his light-filled homes in the uplifting warmth of the South. Brilliant photographs evoke the bonheur of Matisse's life in Nice - the airy interiors that inspired him; the Moroccan and Oriental vignettes, including figs and flowers, candied pineapple, or vibrant citrus fruits, that appear in his paintings of the period; and the lifelong collections of objects and textiles which appear time and again in his work. In these pages, Matisse's paintings are juxtaposed with the actual settings depicted in them, offering an inspiring contrast of the poetic with the literal. Finally, 60 recipes present the Provencal and Russian specialties popular on the coast at the time.

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Breathtaking - one of the best books on the South of France that you'll find. Yes, it's about Matisse, but in a market awash in Paris books this book gives you a feel for the south of France - a region I love and think gets dismissed/forgotten (at least in books/memoirs about France).

I bought this book for my husband, who is an Art Teacher as a birthday present, He loves this book, firstly because Matisse is one of his favourite artists and secondly because of it's format and informative content. It is a great reference book and teaching aid.

As an artist who loves to paint and cook, this book really captures everything that i possible would love to take me to the south of france. Its beautiful colaboration of matisse paintings and tastes of recipes, really inspires one to want to paint a colourful table for dining. The recipes aren't exactly the normal cuisine you would desire to serve everyday however the colours and textures of foods play with those in his decorative work. Its just quite an inspirational book for those who love to master a composition like matisse did - my husband bought this book for me just because he knew i love matisse and i love to cook. Its a colourful book which you want to pick up and flip through just to take you to another place another time affecting all your senses and memories. Enjoy!

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