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Dish: 813 Colorful, Wonderful Dinner Plates



Synopsis

A globe-trotting, century-hopping celebration of dishesAs every great hostess knows, the right dinner plates bring design, color, and drama to the table and elevate an ordinary meal into something special. Dish is a visual celebration of these everyday pieces of art that have been the objects of desire of kings, queens, brides, chefs, and hostesses for centuries.From the first wooden trenchers of the Middle Ages to the seventeenth-century China trade, from twentieth-century designer wares to the colorful melamine plates so widely available today, more than 800 plates are on display here. With insightful descriptions and an expert's knowledge, author Shax Riegler makes the case that the dinner plate is so much more than just a vessel to deliver food; it's a piece of art to be admired.These are plates created by storied masters such as Spode and Wedgwood, modernists like Russel Wright and Homer Laughlin, and even today's contemporary designers like Vera Wang and Diane von Furstenberg. Dish shows them in full color with large photographs, detail shots, and even back-of-the-plate photos, delivering a feast for the eyes for obsessive fans and casual admirers alike.With a timeline of plate highlights in history, sidebars showcasing the most popular designers, and a list of the top 100 patterns of all time, Dish will leave readers looking at the common dinner plate in a whole new way.

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Customer Reviews

This gorgeous book has gone a long way to encourage my "dish mania"...As a mere casual collector, I was delighted to discover that I'm in excellent company in my love of these objects.

Contents ranging from extraordinary works of art to humble workhorses --- I so appreciate the fascinating histories and Shax Riegler's deftly written text that accompanies page after page of sumptuous photography. Fellow dish lovers and everyone with an appreciation for tableware of any kind are sure to be as thrilled as I am with this generous, dinner plate-sized tome's ability to give us such richly detailed, up close and personal views of so many beautiful, humorous, rare and unusual pieces---without leaving out those everyday pieces that so many of us grew up with---all making for the most satisfying of careful reading or casual viewing. This book makes me very happy. I'm gifting DISH big-time this holiday season. Supremely well done.

This book is a well researched lovely walk through the history of dinner plates. From basic form and function to the art of plate design and decoration. As someone who has collected plates and used them for everything from dining to making headboards to mosaic tile work, I am thrilled to see the many patterns I have loved over the years and many I have yet to find! Thanks to the author for his tribute to the art in our everyday lives!

I'm a china maven, and this book is a must have for anyone who is. It covers high end china to everyday dishes. The pictures are gorgeous and the information provided very interesting. I will be browsing through this book for years to come.

The correct dish can make an otherwise normal meal an event. That said, I' am an avid collector of dishes and with nearly 40 sets that span the spectrum, I'm always looking for the next set. This book is a work of art and very informative. It has turned out to be my favorite gift this year. One flaw (in my opinion)... the end shows the 100 most popular patterns, but it relies on the data files of Replacements Unlimited. That is a false set of data in that the firm is almost exclusively utilized by Americans and as such is heavy on American patterns. It totally disregards many of the significant patterns produced by the great porcelain houses of Europe where is Coalport's Indian Tree.... the world's most enduring china pattern?If you love dishes or are just curious...maybe a bride looking for her pattern???? Buy this book!!!!

Dish is a beautiful book which surveys dishes across the centuries. He looks around the world for interesting dishes. And it is fun to see what dishes you own that he includes in the book. The feature at the back where he lists the 100 most popular patterns according to Replacements, Ltd. is pure fun. The danger to a collector is seeing and wanting. There are many things which are new and

beautiful and the collecting urge springs up as it does so often. So collectors, beware!

I love, love, love this book. I feel sort of old saying it, as it's a book of plates, but I love this book. And I think anyone who enjoys beauty would. This is a perfect book for the young fashionista, the creative interior obsessed and the tradition loving grandmother.

I came across this book while I was searching for dinner plates. A plate picture with a silhouette of 2 diners and other images attracted me to this book. And then one day I was at a garage sale of a plate collector's son. After seeing different kinds of plates like calendar plates, Cherokee alphabet plate, Christmas plates, Norman Mailer plates and Plate collector's magazines, I started dreaming about this book again. Finally I bought the book. The book is heavy on pictures of different kinds of plates. After finding a plate that has a print of cross-stitch, I recalled a friend who would really appreciate that. It also has brief history of the major plate makers. This is my second book on plates, so I don't know much about what's out there.

This book is a wonderful look at an everyday item. We live with dishes, but this takes the "Dish" to a new level. I have shared the book and know it makes a great gift to many. "Dish" is priced to be shared. Enjoy & share. The love of the dish is enhanced by this writer. Thank You, sir.

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