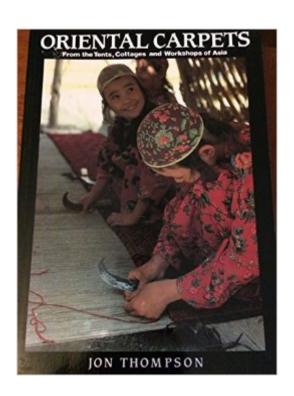
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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book to learn about oriental carpets, and it provides a good general reference for both first time and experienced buyers. It is well written and well-organized. I have the larger format hard copy, which shows off the 180(!) excellent photos of a large variety of both new and old carpets, and the people who make them. The quality of the photos are the best I have found among the many carpet books I've read and looked through. At the back are two informative 2-page maps showing the main carpet-making areas of Turkey, the Middle East, China & Mongolia. Note that this book is not a complete lexicon of carpets, so it is less useful for someone who wants to look up a particular carpet name, spelling, or style. Highly recommended, especially the hard copy published in 1988, if you can find it.

Very informative and a delight to read. There is a wealth of illustrations which are supported by excellent descriptions in the text. The cultural and historical information is handled vividly and does not stray--it is well-focused on how these elements have shaped the design, making, and marketing of rugs. Provides a valuable understanding of why the pricing and aesthetic ranking of tribal vs. cottage vs. workshop rugs do not always follow the expected grades of low vs. medium vs. high.

I like rug books -- my wife and I went to a rug showand came home with almost \$600 (!!) worth -- in fact, I sprained myback getting them out to the car. This book was, without guestion, the best deal of the bunch -- you might be surprised how small astack \$600 worth of books can be (OK, one of them was \$250, our"big" Xmas gift to each other, & the most expensive book we'veever bought.) You'll recognize this book in the store by the wonderful coverphoto of two cheerful Turkoman girls knotting a carpet. This isone of the strengths of the book -- lots of photos of rug weavers atwork, and how they live, both modern and historic. The secondstrength -- lots and lots of gorgeous color photos of rugs! They'renot quite as good as the \$250 book, but pretty darned close. Third, Mr Thompson writes in a clear, wry, direct fashion that's a joy toread -- a refreshing contrast to the garbled, turgid and/or purpleprose you may have seen in other rug/art books. Here's a samplefrom the appendix on buying advice, "Closing-down Sales": "This new method of selling carpets... is based on the very simpleprinciple that avarice, cupidity and greed are unfailing sources of positive motivations in human beings..."If you have any interest in Oriental rugs, you *need* this book. Ifyou don't think you're interested, do yourself a favor & check itout from the library. Would that more art books were like this....Review copyright 1998 by Peter D. TillmanPete Tillman, a long-time textile collector, once wrote (and sold!) ascience-fiction story based on Oriental rugs. Note: this is a repost of the review just below -- I've lost the account namel had then, and so can't revise or delete it. Sigh

This is an older book, but is one of the most informative and delightful books on the world of Oriental Rugs. Here's why:- Process not just Product: Thompson provides surprisingly ample coverage on where the rugs come from, how they are made, and the idiosyncracies of local culture- Excellent photos: you could certainly buy some big coffee-table book with more deluxe images of rugs, but at 176 pp, there are some stunning rugs here photographed so that the textures and colors in the rugs really shine- History: again, for a book of this length, there is an ample amount of historical perspective offered176 pp, large format trade paperbacks, color illustrations throughout.TABLE OF CONTENTSWestern Interest in the Eastern CarpetMaking a CarpetTribal and Domestic WeavingsThe Cottage IndustryWorkshop or Town CarpetsCourt CarpetsSymbolismNotes for Buyers and SellersGlossaryNotesMapsIndex

As others have noted, this seems to be an excellent overview on the title topic, with good illustrations and text on a wide range of relevant aspects of carpet production. The service from the vendor was very prompt, the price good, and the condition of the book is great, better than expected.

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