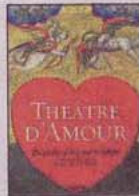


BOOKS

Centuries-old book reproduced for readers

Theatre d'Amour: The Garden of Love and Its Delights (Taschen, \$29.95) is a reproduction of a one-of-a-kind book made in the Netherlands about 400 years ago.

An essay and text by Carsten-Peter Warncke accompany this volume of 143 color love emblems from the late 16th and early 17th centuries, each with descriptive verse.



The book is arranged in sections that include "The Muses," "The Seven Virtues," "The Seven Vices," "The Five Senses" and "The Follies of Love."

The origin of the book is thought to have been commissioned by an affluent and well-educated person, as suggested by the illustrations, which are of high quality and well-colored (rare in that era). The owner, it is assumed, presented the volume to the object of his or her affection.

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