



Aesthetic Surgery Angelika Taschen

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REVIEW Not a coffee table book to inadvertently pick up before dinner, Taschen follows books on food and smoking with a lavishly (albeit a little stomach churning at times) illustrated, 400-page guide to the tummy tuck, the chin lift, nose job, hair implant, and breast enlargement. Charting the history of surgery from the earliest operations to current practices, the book examines corrective surgery, hereditary conditions and the reconstruction of injured soldiers in, as well as the techniques and issues surrounding cosmetic surgery. Including studies as to the nature of beauty, perhaps most revealing are the interviews with leading aesthetic surgeons. Fascinating, if grizzly.

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