

the second anthologizes a series of the 100 most famous Italian fragrances. The third chapter is dedicated to the perfume production chain as described by industry experts, from the initial scent profile to the luxurious and ever-evolving product design of perfume bottles. Within the pages of this stunning book, readers will discover a wealth of information regarding Italy's perfumery practice, including a report of approximately 7,000 fragrances produced in the country's last 50 years and a table that illustrates the 100 featured perfumes organized by chronology and olfactory groups. Accompanied by gorgeous full-color photography, the research presented here offers a wealth of information for those within the industry as well as anyone who uses and loves perfumes.

Essence and Alchemy ScholarlyEditions

'I've long wished perfumery to be taken seriously as an art, and for scent critics to be as fierce as opera critics, and for the wearers of certain "fragrances" to be hissed in public, while others are cheered. This year has brought *Perfumes: The Guide* by Luca Turin and Tania Sanchez, which I breathed in, rather than read, in one delighted gulp.' Hilary Mantel, *Guardian* *Perfumes: The Guide* is the culmination of Turin's lifelong obsession and rare scientific flair and Sanchez's stylish and devoted blogging about every scent that she's ever loved and loathed. Together they make a fine and utterly persuasive argument for the unrecognised craft of perfume-making. Perfume writing has certainly never been this honest, compelling or downright entertaining.

Fragrance Guide, Feminine Notes, Masculine Notes

An olfactory scientist and a perfume critic review more than 1,200 fragrances to identify preferred and less-recommended varieties, in a guide that introduces women's and men's fragrances and discusses the history and chemistry of perfumes.

Popular Science News

In 1948 I was posted, as a Political Officer, to a remote part of south-west Arabia on the edge of the great desert called the Empty Quarter. In valleys made fertile by seasonal flood-waters lay the remains of an ancient civilization. I found inscriptions and the ruin sites of towns, palaces and temples. Almost buried under the sand dunes were the tumbled walls of a great city. From here, two thousand years before, huge camel caravans had trudged

their way along 1600 miles of burning sand and rocks to Petra and Gaza, burdened with a most precious cargo - frankincense, myrrh and other perfume materials for the courts, temples and perfume shops of Rome. My book *Frankincense and Myrrh* delved into the details of this romantic trade and led to a broader interest in the perfumes of ancient times. Then, researching on behalf of a perfume house into the Arab contribution to perfumery, I came across the collection of perfume recipes assembled by the Arab philosopher-scientist Yaqub al-Kindi, which have never been translated into English (some, which I have translated myself, are now included in an appendix to this book). I realized that in that work I had found key evidence to demonstrate how the medieval Arab perfume makers had been the bridge in perfume history between ancient and modern times. Perfumery could now be seen as an art with a continuous history of development since the dawn of civilization.

Chemical Products and Aerosol News

The quintessential guide to the one hundred most glorious perfumes in the world. When Luca Turin and Tania Sanchez published *Perfumes: The Guide* in 2008, it was hailed as "ravishingly entertaining" by John Lanchester in *The New Yorker*, "witty and knowledgeable" on *Style.com*, and "provocative and hugely entertaining" by the *Times Literary Supplement*. *The Little Book of Perfumes* focuses on just one hundred masterpieces of perfume: ninety-six five-star perfumes from the original book, as well as four "museum" perfumes-legendary scents that are preserved in the Versailles Osmothèque. This stunningly produced petite volume offers lovers of perfume the best of the best-a perfect gift book for anyone looking either for a brilliant fragrance or an intelligent, witty read.

Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News

"Turin confirms his right to be classed alongside Proust or Patrick Suskind as a poet of smell." -Lara Feigel, *Observer*In 1992, Luca Turin wrote the first truly critical guide to perfume, *Parfums le guide*. It has been out of print until now.This new edition includes both the original French and the first authorized English translation, plus a new, highly personal foreword by Turin. LUCA TURIN wrote the first critical guide to perfume. He is a biophysicist, popular lecturer, and author of several books on science, perfume, and culture.TANIA SANCHEZ is a writer with an interest in perfume, aesthetics, and culture. She is the co-author with Luca Turin of *Perfumes: The A-Z Guide* and *The Little Book of Perfumes*.