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The Definitive Guide to Choosing Your Next Scent  
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**Scents and Sensibilities** Arcade Publishing  
Signature scents and now-lost masterpieces; the visionaries who conceived them; the wild and wonderful campaigns that launched them; the women and men who wore them—every

perfume has a tale to tell. Join Lizzie Ostrom on an olfactory adventure as she explores the trends and crazes that have shaped the way we've spritzed. One hundred perfumes and scents in all their fragrant glory reveal a fascinating social history of the past century. From the belle epoque through the swinging sixties, to the naughty nineties

and beyond, Ostrom brings intelligence and wit to this most ravishing of subjects. There was the patriotic impact of English Lavender during World War I and perfumes that captured the Egyptomania of the 1920s. Estee Lauder created "Youth Dew" and with it, distilled the essence of 1950's suburbia. Patchouli oil—the "anti-perfume" of the 1960s—was sure to keep money out of the hands of corporations and "the man." And who could forget the fervor created by the grunge androgyny of CK One? Scent is truly the passport to memory, making Perfume both a lush treat and an insightful examination of the twentieth century through the most mysterious of the

five sense.

Introduction to Perfumery Penguin  
The exclusive in-house perfumer for Hermès guides readers through an explanation of how the sense of smell works and reveals his methods and recipes for making some of the world's best-selling perfumes, including "Declaration" from Cartier.

*Essence and Alchemy* St. Martin's Press  
Create Custom Perfumes the Natural Way This unprecedented, comprehensive guide from renowned perfumer Anya McCoy is an inspiring resource for anyone interested in creating artisanal perfume at home. Discover simple step-by-step methods for making perfume without harsh

chemicals. Jump right in, using local plants and common household ingredients. Soon you'll be building your own scent collection and creating unforgettable gifts for friends and family. This book covers a variety of techniques for capturing fragrances from natural materials, making it easy to choose the project that works for your schedule and experience level. Source your own organically grown botanicals, and enjoy the earth-friendly benefits of creating your own essential oils and extractions sustainably. Make your own all-natural perfumes, room and linen sprays, body butters, massage oils, and more. Explore the nuances of scent

blending to create delightful fragrances that are unique to you. Packed with easy methods and expert guidance, this book will become an indispensable reference as you grow into a confident scent designer.

*A Personal History of Scent* Frances Lincoln

The empire of scent: explore the realm of perfumes, smells, and aromatic incense to reveal the enduring allure of fragrance. Scents are linked with our most cherished memories--life without the ability to smell is unimaginable. Dive deep into the essentials of olfaction; open up the psychology and science of smell, discover the key fragrance families, and come to understand

the historical and cultural ramifications that make the multi-billion dollar perfume industry what it is today. The Essence reveals the power of scent and fragrance to captivate--introducing key global locations, from the lavender fields of Provence and the laboratories where perfumes are created, to incense factories in India. The Essence introduces the trailblazers shaping the future and the vital role that technology and scented products will play in the 21st century, making the book an inviting read for fragrance novices and connoisseurs alike, opening up a new and fragrant world.

### **Scent-Sational Perfume Recipes**

PerfumeThe Alchemy  
of Scent

An artisan perfumer reveals a lost art and its mysterious, sensual history. For centuries, people have taken what seems to be an instinctive pleasure in rubbing scents into their skin. Perfume has helped them to pray, to heal, and to make love. And as long as there has been perfume, there have been perfumers, or rather the priests, shamans, and apothecaries who were their predecessors. Yet, in many ways, perfumery is a lost art, its creative and sensual possibilities eclipsed by the synthetic ingredients of which contemporary perfumes are composed, which have none of the subtlety and complexity of essences derived from natural substances, nor

their lush histories. Essence and Alchemy resurrects the social and metaphysical legacy that is entwined with the evolution of perfumery, from the dramas of the spice trade to the quests of the alchemists to whom today's perfumers owe a philosophical as well as a practical debt. Mandy Aftel tracks scent through the boudoir and the bath and into the sanctums of worship, offering insights on the relationship of scent to sex, solitude, and the soul. Along the way, she imparts instruction in the art of perfume compositions, complete with recipes, guiding the reader in a process of transformation of materials that continues to follow the

alchemical dictum solve et coagula (dissolve and combine) and is itself aesthetically and spiritually transforming. *Perfumes* Rowman & Littlefield  
As seen in Food52, Los Angeles Times, and Bloomberg Two masters of composition—a chef and a perfumer—present a revolutionary new approach to creating delicious food. Michelin two-star chef Daniel Patterson and celebrated natural perfumer Mandy Aftel are experts at orchestrating ingredients. Yet even in a world awash in cooking shows and food blogs, they noticed, home cooks get little guidance in the art of flavor. In this

trailblazing guide, they share the secrets to making the most of your ingredients via an indispensable set of tools and principles: • The Four Rules for creating flavor • A Flavor Compass that points the way to transformative combinations • The flavor-heightening effects of cooking methods • “Locking,” “burying,” and other aspects of cooking alchemy • The Seven Dials that let you fine-tune a dish With more than eighty recipes that demonstrate each concept and put it into practice, *The Art of Flavor* is food for the imagination that will help cooks at any level to become flavor virtuosos.  
*The Magical and Ritual Use of Perfumes*  
Penguin

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.

### **The Alchemy of**

### **Scent** Random House

The Perfume Lover is a candid personal account of the process of composing a fragrance, filled with sensual scent descriptions, sexy tidbits, and historical vignettes. What if the most beautiful night in your life inspired a perfume? When Denyse Beaulieu was growing up near Montreal, perfume was forbidden in her house, spurring a childhood curiosity that became an intellectual and sensual passion. It is this passion she pursued all the way to Paris, where she now lives, and which led her

to become a respected fragrance writer. But little did she know that it would also lead her to achieve a perfume lover's wildest dream: When Denyse tells famous perfumer Bertrand Duchaufour at L'Artisan Parfumeur of a sensual night spent in Seville under a blossoming orange tree, wrapped in the arms of a beautiful man, the story stirs his imagination and together they create a scent that captures the essence of that night. As their unique creative collaboration unfolds, the perfume-in-progress conjures intimate memories, leading Beaulieu to make sense of her life through scents. Throughout the book, she weaves the evocative history of perfumery into her

personal journey, in an intensely passionate voice: the masters and the masterpieces, the myths and the myth-busting, down to the molecular mysteries that weld our flesh to flowers. Now, just to set your nostrils aquiver: *Séville à l'aube* is an orange blossom oriental with zesty, green and balsamic effects, with notes of petitgrain, petitgrain citronnier, orange blossom, beeswax, incense, and lavender, and is now available at fragrance outlets in the U.S.

### **The Perfume Lover** Penguin

This book contains masses of perfume and fragrance accords ideal for the perfumer. Containing Hesperidic Facet Accords, Aromatic Accords, Sensual Narcotic

Accords, Floral  
 Accords, Gourmand  
 Accords, Green Facet  
 Accords, Gresh Spicy  
 Facet Accords, Hot  
 Spicy Facet Accords,  
 Moss Facet Accords,  
 Wood Facet Accords,  
 Soft Balsamic Facet  
 Accords, and much  
 much more.

*Perfume Lulu.com*

A brilliant perfumer,  
 perhaps the greatest of  
 all time, who  
 nevertheless boasts an  
 inferiority complex  
 because of his father's  
 withholding of praise  
 and encouragement,  
 falls under the sway of  
 a wealthy haberdasher  
 con-man who, playing  
 on the insecurity,  
 convinces the  
 perfumer to become  
 his aromatic  
 ghostwriter...for free.

**Decoding a Century  
 of Provocative**

**Perfume** Simon and  
 Schuster

As the world's leading  
 perfume authority,  
 Dove leads readers on  
 an extravagant journey  
 through the world of  
 scent, from Ancient  
 Egypt to the present.  
 Beginning with a  
 comprehensive  
 discussion of the sense  
 of smell and the  
 materials of the master  
 perfumer, Dove goes  
 on to celebrate the  
 great classics, the  
 makers who brought  
 them to life and the  
 bottle makers who  
 gave them shape.

*The Book of Perfumes*  
 Royal Society of  
 Chemistry

The Perfect Scent is  
 the thrilling inside  
 story of the global  
 perfume industry, told  
 through two creators  
 working on two very  
 different scents.

*The Ghost Perfumer*  
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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. *The A-Z Guide* Gibbs Smith  
*PerfumeThe Alchemy of Scent* Skyhorse  
*The Perfect Scent* Springer Science & Business Media  
 'An authoritative guide from two experts who really know their way around scent' - FUNMI FETTO  
*The Perfume Companion* is a beautifully illustrated compendium of almost 500 recommended scents, designed to help you pick out your next favourite fragrance. Perfumes have the power to evoke treasured memories, make us feel fabulous and help us express our best

self. But with so many out there, how do you choose something new? When the scents in the perfume shop are merging into one aromatic haze, how do you remain focused? And if your favourite scent goes out of stock, how do you replace it? The *Perfume Companion* is here to help. Sarah McCartney and Samantha Scriven deliver a host of scents for you to try – including bargain finds and luxury treasures, iconic stalwarts and indie newcomers, the lightest florals and the deepest leathers. With insider information about how perfumes are really made, discover hundreds of new fragrances and find the scents to share your own memories with. This is the perfect

companion for your scented adventures.

### Perfume Accords

#### Penguin

A sudden love affair with fragrance leads to sensual awakening, self-transformation, and an unexpected homecoming At thirty-six—earnest, bookish, terminally shopping averse—Alyssa Harad thinks she knows herself. Then one day she stumbles on a perfume review blog and, surprised by her seduction by such a girly extravagance, she reads in secret. But one trip to the mall and several dozen perfume samples later, she is happily obsessed with the seductive underworld of scent and the brilliant, quirky people she meets there. If only she could put off planning her wedding a little longer.

. . . Thus begins a life-changing journey that takes Harad from a private perfume laboratory in Austin, Texas, to the glamorous fragrance showrooms of New York City and a homecoming in Boise, Idaho, with the women who watched her grow up. With warmth and humor, Harad traces the way her unexpected passion helps her open new frontiers and reclaim traditions she had rejected. Full of lush description, this intimate memoir celebrates the many ways there are to come to our senses.

**The Alchemy of Scent** Inner Traditions / Bear & Co

For as long as anyone can remember, a man named Luca Turin has had an uncanny

relationship with smells. He has been compared to the hero of Patrick Süskind's novel *Perfume*, but his story is in fact stranger, because it is true. It concerns how he made use of his powerful gifts to solve one of the last great mysteries of the human body: how our noses work. Luca Turin can distinguish the components of just about any smell, from the world's most refined perfumes to the air in a subway car on the Paris metro. A distinguished scientist, he once worked in an unrelated field, though he made a hobby of collecting fragrances. But when, as a lark, he published a collection of his reviews of the world's perfumes, the book hit the small, insular business of

perfume makers like a thunderclap. Who is this man Luca Turin, they demanded, and how does he know so much? The closed community of scent creation opened up to Luca Turin, and he discovered a fact that astonished him: no one in this world knew how smell worked. Billions and billions of dollars were spent creating scents in a manner amounting to glorified trial and error. The solution to the mystery of every other human sense has led to the Nobel Prize, if not vast riches. Why, Luca Turin thought, should smell be any different? So he gave his life to this great puzzle. And in the end, incredibly, it would seem that he solved it. But when enormously powerful interests are

threatened and great reputations are at stake, Luca Turin learned, nothing is quite what it seems. Acclaimed writer Chandler Burr has spent four years chronicling Luca Turin's quest to unravel the mystery of how our sense of smell works. What has emerged is an enthralling, magical book that changes the way we think about that area between our mouth and our eyes, and its profound, secret hold on our lives.

### **A Life of Perfume**

John Wiley & Sons Poetry. What if 100 contemporary American poets were sent individually selected vials of perfume, fragrances chosen to reflect the authors' voices, aesthetics, or writerly

obsessions? What if each poet wrote something new in response? THE BOOK OF SCENTED THINGS collects the results of this strange, aromatic experiment: poems of longing and of childhood memory, poems of place and philosophy and politics, poems about the challenge of writing poems about perfume. This is an anthology whose words will linger on your pulse points long after even the base notes have faded. Contributors are Seth Abramson, Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz, James Arthur, Sarah Arvio, Beth Bachmann, Aaron Baker, Ned Balbo, Brian Barker, Rick Barot, Sandra Beasley, Nicky Beer, Erin Belieu, Elana Bell, Dan Bellm, Mark Bibbins, Mary

Biddinger, Traci  
 Brimhall, Brian  
 Brodeur, Jericho Brown,  
 Michelle Chan Brown,  
 Stacey Lynn Brown,  
 Lisa D. Chávez, Chad  
 Davidson, Erica  
 Dawson, Katy Didden,  
 Jehanne Dubrow,  
 Michael Dumanis,  
 Moira Egan, Robin  
 Ekiss, Jill Alexander  
 Essbaum, Tarfia  
 Faizullah, Elyse Fenton,  
 Rebecca Morgan Frank,  
 Gregory Fraser, Elisa  
 Gabbert, Jeannine Hall  
 Gailey, John Gallaher,  
 Melody S. Gee, Carmen  
 Giménez Smith, Juliana  
 Gray, George Green,  
 Rachel Hadas,  
 Meredith Davies  
 Hadaway, James Allen  
 Hall, Leslie Harrison,  
 Yona Harvey, K. A.  
 Hays, Rebecca  
 Hazelton, H. L. Hix,  
 Carrie Jerrell, Laura  
 Kasischke, Dore  
 Kiesselbach, Keetje  
 Kuipers, Ilyse Kusnetz,

Deborah Landau, Nick Lantz, Dorothea Lasky, Mari L'Esperance, Shara Lessley, Sandy Longhorn, dawn lonsinger, Lindsay Lusby, Amit Majmudar, David Mason, Adrian Matejka, Jamaal May, Shara McCallum, Shane McCrae, Erika Meitner, Philip Metres, Tyler Mills, Ander Monson, Idra Novey, Lisa Olstein, Alan Michael Parker, Nathaniel Perry, Kiki Petrosino, Emilia Phillips, Patrick Phillips, Jessica Piazza, John Poch, Hilda Raz, Brynn Saito, Jane Satterfield, Zach Savich, Jason Schneiderman, Bruce Snider, Gabriel Spera, Alison Stine, Yerra Sugarman, Mathias Svalina, Matthew Thorburn, Maureen Thorson, Brian Turner, Sarah Vap, Cody Walker, Connie Wanek, Caki Wilkinson, Catherine Wing, and Matthew Zapruder.

Part I: Creed, Lies, & the Scent of the Century Gestalten

Master your own custom perfume blends with ingredients to benefit your mind, body, and emotions in All-Natural Perfume Making. Just like magic, turn botanical herbs, flowers, and essential oils into wonderful-smelling, healthy, and sustainable perfumes. In All-Natural Perfume Making, author and herbalist Kristen Schuhmann guides beginning perfumers in the art and techniques of crafting oil-based, alcohol-based, and solid perfumes. Learn the history and traditional benefits of certain scents as you create your own unique blends from a

variety of plant-based ingredients. In addition to smelling good, natural scents can be a powerful self-care tool to benefit mental and emotional health. Feeling anxious? A blend of vanilla, lavender, cedarwood, and neroli can help relax frazzled nerves. Have a big test coming up? Boost your brain power with rosemary, sweet orange, and peppermint. Once you've grasped the techniques in *All-Natural Perfume Making*, the possibilities are endless as you mix, layer, and experiment with natural scents. Perfect for the beginner who wants to create their own

signature scents without the use of harsh chemicals, this book provides a solid base on the philosophy and methods of crafting all-natural fragrances that not only smell fantastic but can add to your well-being.

*All-Natural Perfume Making* Macmillan

As long as there has been passion, there has been perfume. Wealthy Romans used to scent their doves to impress their friends; in Shakespeare's time, a woman in love would place a peeled apple into her armpit to saturate it with her scent and then present it to her lover. This book is a sensual journey through one of life's great pleasures.

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