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1. IN VOGUE

MULBERRY MINDSCAPES

Chun Kwang Young is best known for his process-driven “Aggregations”—freestanding sculptures and wall hangings composed of hundreds of tiny polystyrene triangles, which the artist wraps in colored mulberry paper printed in a traditional Korean style. In his own words, the Korean artist is concerned with “expressing the power of our ancestors’ spirit,” and reflecting on “a painful modern society.”



LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Oscar-Claude Monet was a French painter and founder of impressionist painting who is seen as a key precursor to modernism. The term “Impressionism” is derived from the title of his painting *Impression, soleil levant*, exhibited in the 1874 Salon des Refusés initiated by Monet and his associates as an alternative to the Salon. In his career, he completed several pivotal paintings series – including *Haystacks*, *Rouen Cathedral* and *Water Lilies*.

2. IN VOGUE

FEMININE FEELS

Much of Kenyan born, Magdalene Odundo's inspiration is drawn from the ceramic tradition of her roots on the Ugandan/Kenyan border. In keeping with modern sculptors (such as Brancusi and Arp) she focuses on the search for perfection in form. Working within a highly personal and meaningful artistic idiom, Odundo's sculptures assume the shape of vessels only superficially. In fact, they represent spiritual containers and mirror certain ideas and concepts, in the Muensterberger sculpture female beauty.



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*DONKEY MAN
AND OTHER STORIES*

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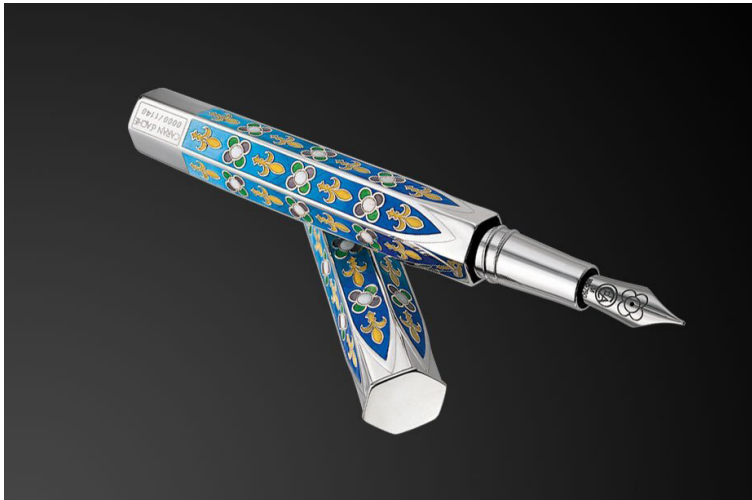
LITEROPHILE

A peek into the most stunning
coffee-table books you can feast
your eyes on.

3. DESIRE

FABLED DIAMONDS OF GOLCONDA

Located not far from Hyderabad in India, Golconda with its elaborate fort was the early capital city of the Qutb Shahi dynasty established in the early 16th century. Because of the presence of diamonds in the area, Golconda established itself as a diamond trading center and until the end of the 19th century, the Golconda market was the primary source of the finest and largest diamonds in the world.



MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

Named after the Russian word for pencil (karandash), which in turn is derived from the Turkish kara tash (essentially graphite), Swiss company Caran d'Ache certainly has a firm grip on the history of writing instruments. This knowledge is combined with expert craftsmanship to produce fine tools such as the Caran d'Ache 1010, La Modernista Diamonds, and the stunning Gothica. A love letter to Gothic architecture, the Gothica features patterns of fleur-de-lis and rosettes, with 72 rubies and 72 emeralds used in the design. It also has almost 900 diamonds encrusted in the cap and the barrel, giving it that extra shot of luxury.

4. WANDERLUST OFFSHORE



UNRAVEL THE KIWI SECRETS

From night hikes to cave-rafts to midnight munchies, stunning hikes in the summer, white powder getaways in the winter and cultural festivals year-round means New Zealand is always ready to play host. BY LUCINDA

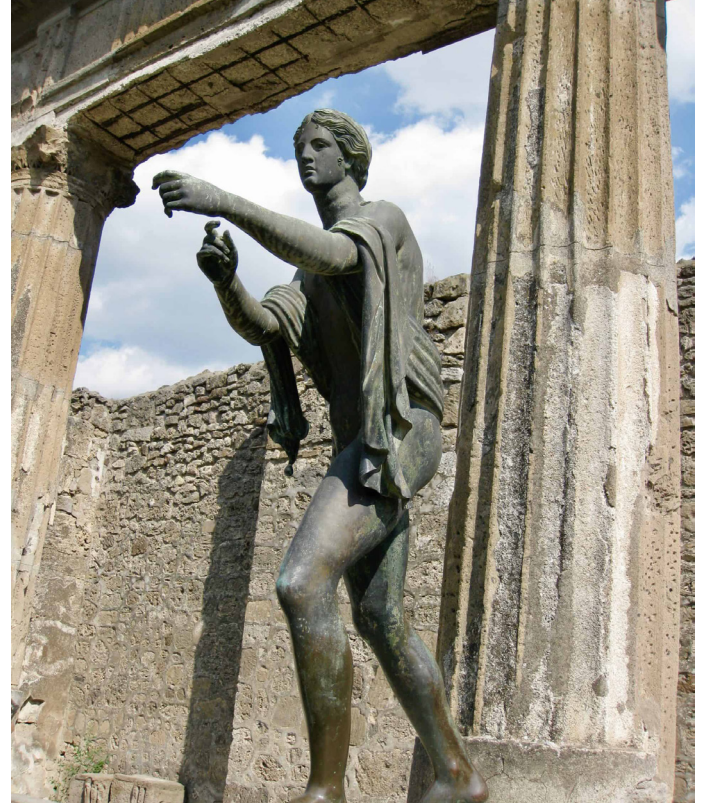
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5. HERITAGE

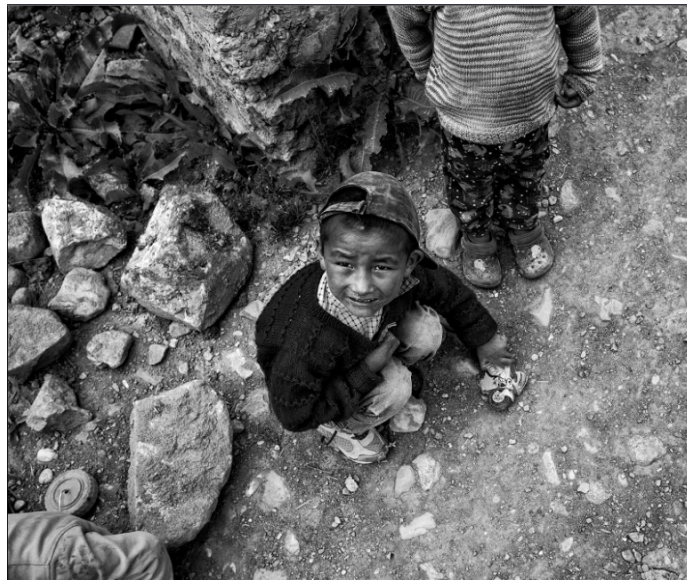


THE LOST CITY OF POMPEII

A deafening boom roars through Pompeii's crowded marketplace. The ground shakes violently, throwing midday People scream and point toward Mount Vesuvius, a massive volcano that rises above them. Nearly 2,000 years ago, Pompeii was a bustling city located in what is now southern Italy. But in the summer of A.D. 79, the nearby Mount Vesuvius volcano erupted. It spewed smoke and toxic gas 20 miles into the air. Almost overnight, Pompeii vanished under a blanket of ash. BY NICOLE HENDRIX | Free



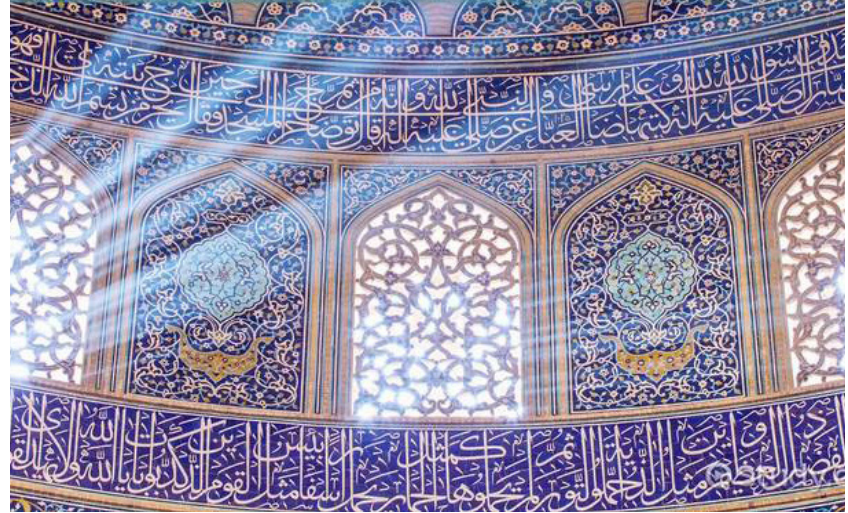
6. LENS CRAFT



MONOCHROME WONDERLAND

Monochrome shots by photojournalist Amit Verma of the enchanting Spiti Valley. The feature displays the beauty of white photography in the most scenic way. BY AMIT VERMA | INR 10,000

7. LIFESTYLE ART



ISLAMIC ART: OF EMPIRES & SPIRITUALITY

Since the establishment of Islam in the 7th century, artists and patrons developed appropriate principles of Islamic spiritual art and design. Explore the basic precepts of Islam, texts from the Qur'an, calligraphy, and the arts of the book, geometric and floral ornamentation, and the principles of mosque design. BY JULIET HIGHET | INR 18,000

8. LIFESTYLE ADVENTURE



SCALE THE EVEREST

Mount Everest looms large, known around the world by hikers and non-hikers alike. But this is one behemoth that is best left to truly experienced travelers. According to alpinist Adrian Ballinger, who attempted the climb in 2016, “You need to climb at least three 20,000 peaks, one 23,000 peak, and one 26,000 peak before considering Everest. BY JOSH HERMAN | FREE

9. CULTURE DANCE



FUNDAMENTALS OF KABUKI DANCE

Kabuki, traditional Japanese popular drama with singing and dancing performed in a highly stylized manner. A rich blend of music, dance, mime, and spectacular staging and costuming, it has been a major theatrical form in Japan for four centuries. The term kabuki originally suggested the unorthodox and shocking character of this art form. In modern Japanese, the word is written with three characters: ka, signifying “song”; bu, “dance”; and ki, “skill.” BY

CAROL WRIGHT | INR 25,000

10. LIFESTYLE GOURMET



THE FLAVOURS OF NIGERIA

There's something different about the taste of Nigerian delicacies. One prominent reason is the spice used to prepare them. Nigeria is a region that brings together a fusion of culture and cuisine as evidenced in the unique spices, meats, and ingredients. Nigeria has their own food culture rich in flavors, agriculture, spices native to the land, and undeniable passion. BY CINDY-LOU DALE | INR 20,000

11. QUENCH SPIRITS

HISTORY OF DISTILLING

Abu Musa Jabir ibn Hayyan. Maria the Jewess. Aeneas Coffey. Just a few (very important) names in the history of distilling. The next time you take a shot of tequila, sip a fine single malt, or even order some kind of Mudslide, you might wanna pour some out on the curb for them. Sure, you're buying the round, but they made it happen. BY STEPHANIE

SPORN | INR 22,000



12. DESIGN



THE SILVER LINING

Historically, silver has played a prominent role in the production of jewelry and objects d'art and is usually alloyed with another metal to harden it enough to maintain the desired shape and details imparted to it. Moulded in varied shapes, sizes and cuts, carvings on silver dates back to several thousands of years, and has been a collectible item for dynasties and more.

13. COLLECTIBLES



IMPERIAL EGGS

The celebrated series of 50 Imperial Easter eggs was created for the Russian Imperial family from 1885 to 1916 when the company was run by Peter Carl Fabergé. These creations are inextricably linked to the glory and tragic fate of the last Romanov family. The series began in 1885 when Emperor Alexander III, through the intermediary of his uncle, Grand Duke Vladimir, commissioned an Easter egg from Fabergé as an Easter present for his wife, Empress Maria Feodorovna. Initially planned by Fabergé to contain a diamond ring, the actual finished version, following specific instructions of the Emperor, included a ruby pendant of great value.

15. COLLECTIBLES



THE TIMELESS TIARAS

Tiaras are most closely associated with crowns and other royal regalia but, throughout history, they have taken many forms, from wreaths of twisted branches to striking bandeaux style headpieces of the Art Deco era. Unlike a crown, tiaras don't surround the entire head and can sit close to the eyebrows or further back. Let's take a look at Tiara design, now an antique collectible, giving us a glimpse into the tastes of history's wealthiest and most influential families.



BOTTLED BEAUTY

The history of scent is largely ephemeral. While the scent of these delicate perfume ingredients vanishes with time, countless examples of exquisite perfume bottles and containers remain to remind us of the history of the most-neglected sense.



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