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With Gisèle Scanlon's chic and sophisticated guide, every woman can perfect her divine. In *The Goddess Guide*, she shares the secrets of living an unforgettable and desirable life, garnered from her own experiences and insight as well as those from a throng of fashion houses and celebrities, including Dolce & Gabbana, Laura Mercier, top New York trainer David Kirsch, and award-winning Chef Heston Blumenthal. Discover such secrets as:

Finding the perfect bra
Make-up bag essentials
Closet cleaning the eBay way
Caring for fine cashmere
The best vintage shops around the world
Essential discount websites, seasonal trends, and a body shape guide
Tips for a clutter-free home, and much more

Want to know why the soles of Christian Louboutin's beautiful shoes are always crimson red? Ever wondered what Britartist Tracey Emin collects? Going to London, Paris, New York and need to know what perfumes, trinkets and treats to try out and bring home so that you can relive your trip and share the world with your family and friends? Perhaps you have a room to decorate and want to put up – and customize – a wall that will give you a daily feelgood feeling? Still searching for the best – fitting jeans, the snuggliest duvet, that awesome movie to watch while you work at home on a day off of work or fancy buying a neat piece of street art?

Not only does *The Goddess Guide*, written by worldwide coolhunter Gisèle Scanlon contain all of the answers to the previous questions, but it's also beautiful to hold and own. The cover is a collection of Gisèle's favourite things experienced in her travels put together in a lush velvet rich flock by her photographer coolhunting partner. Inside this eclectic homemade handbook is another beautiful visual treat, each chapter heading has been embroidered by the Queen of England's embroidery house and each page is completely original and individually scrapbooked and handmade with layers of illustration, photography and exquisite tips. *The Goddess Guide* also contains handwritten letters from cool industry insiders as varied as Nylon magazine editor Marvin Scott Jarrett and New York fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez.

From getting the perfect Hollywood smile from world renowned experts Marc Lowenburg and Gregg Lituchy in New York to booking the best hotel bed and seeing Christian Louboutin's Paris to obtaining those perfectly sculpted arms, *The Goddess Guide* has it all.

The Goddess Guide Details

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From Reader Review The Goddess Guide for online ebook

Camilla Nielsen says

A really fun book with a great looking cover. A guide of everything you could ever need to know, everything from style and beauty to travel and dining out.

Review of other fashion coffee table books and pictures of the books:

<http://happycompletehome.blogspot.dk/...>

Phyl says

This is a must for every would-be Goddess. Full of interesting and informative tips covering any eventualities a Goddess might find herself dealing with. Notes on the best boutiques, cosmetics, must see places and a plethora of other completely useless but entertaining information.

Anastasia Garcia says

This book is creatively amazing.

Given a scrapbook-ish feel, the author has composed a very awesome compilation of necessary tidbits of information that every girl should know to become a goddess. The author has had the opportunity to travel many places and gain insight into places we (as normal working girls) dream and hope to see. She refers to this book as a collection of her notes and "nuggets of knowledge" she's gained over her years with her usual artistic approach.

The information I thought was definitely useful and appealed to all ages. The author incorporates websites for everything, making the information and items mentioned in this book very attainable. I found a lot of information that assisted in my first year in college and my mom also found interesting tidbits of information that were relevant to her life in the house that she hadn't learn or been taught.

- * clubbing
- * traveling (cure for jet lag, how to pack, etc.)
- * ins and outs of hosiery
- * guide to giving gifts
- * guide to New York, Barcelona, Paris (including restaurants, shops, places to visit off the road, and very insightful tidbits of the culture and style of the city itself)
- * interview with Christian Louboutin (shoe designer)
- * commenting on her decide to get veneers (like Sarah Michelle Gellar)
- * how to make money off of your unused clothes

I read through this book once and felt as if I needed to keep reading through it until the information sunk in. And I definitely felt this book was a very strong resource to continue to refer back to when necessary (one of the only books I brought to my dorm).

I definitely recommend this to any girl wanting to round out their knowledge of the world (not just womanly

tasks, and not just things related to beauty and fashion).

Christina says

I came across this amazing series a while ago and it's taken me quite a long time to work my way through them. The books aren't ordinary advice books or novels - they are a collection of information about all of the finest things in life. That may sound very vague but it's kind of hard to describe these books, however, I'll give it my best shot!

There are three books in the series:

The Goddess Guide (Gold and black cover)

The Goddess Experience - Goddess Guide II (Pink and black cover)

The Goddess Experience (White and gold cover)

Written by Gisèle Scanlon, a "writer, illustrator and seeker of all things stylish and eclectic, has exhausted her passport and gathered together the best of her findings into one unique collection." From interviews with Vivienne Westwood, to her top home decor tips and advice for building the perfect peaceful bathroom, these books are perfect for anybody hoping to learn more about life. The theme running through all three books is that experiences are what matter the most, and she tries her best to inspire the readers on every page. Gisèle completes this collection with addresses and phone numbers of the places she mentions, to help you find your way there should you ever visit Paris, or New York, or any of the other cities explored in this series.

These books inspired me to make the most of my life and my surroundings, to create fabulous experiences for myself. It also inspired me to travel more! There are places I've visited so far but not really appreciated, so I would love to return to them, with the knowledge collected from this book! I will keep these books for a long time - as they are great to refer back to whenever you need some inspiration or advice on where to get the best cup of tea!

Marjanne says

This book discusses fashion, beauty, traveling, and a variety of other areas. The book itself is gorgeous. The cover is flocked with a wallpaper print. The pages inside are equally beautiful (though I didn't really care for the 'goddesses' that show up here and there). My biggest problem with the book: nearly everything is geared toward the British and European. Not that I mind, but it would be very difficult to track down some of the stuff she talks about here in the U.S. and if you can't find the stuff what's the use in reading about it. My other big complaint is that it's really just this woman's opinion on what other women 'must have', 'must do', and 'must see'. I pretty much ended up skimming through several parts of the book. A little disappointing.

Sharon says

2.5 stars

The book is beautifully presented, but I remember having this book when I was younger and being disappointed that a lot of the book advertises products (and I didn't really have any proper money of my own

at the time, so that aspect was pointless for me)Also, as another reader has pointed out, there were a lot of American products advertised which would have been difficult for me to get my hands on even if I had the money. It had some good tips in it however and was well presented. Just not exactly what I was expecting and was of limited use at times.

Megs says

The most amazing book ever! Every single fashionista goddess should have this on their shelf. The cover alone is amazing. The black outlines on the book are made of felt and feels so luxurious. It covers everything from how to get that red wine stain out of your dress, to the best vintage shops, to how to pack for a flight and everything in between!

Jade Stokes says

My favourite girly coffee table book.

Contains everything from beauty to lifestyle to recipes. Gisele certainly has pulled together a collection of all things goddess and the illustration in this book is totally beautiful.

Each page is adorned with drawings, illustrations, notes and stories and has fast become a favourite book of mine.

Stefanie says

I would give this book 3 stars if it weren't for the creative way that it was created. I thought that it was a great fun read that brought me to understand the life of a person that I wouldn't otherwise be able to understand. For that it was like a fairy tale. Gisele was a fascinating person to see the world's eyes from and brought the artistic spirit back into the fashion industry. I would recommend this for any girl that's looking for a new light on the definition of modern glamour. Enjoy!

Kim Annabella says

at last, a book by an Irish woman with similar tastes and experiences to me. I loved it. I am going to utilise her shopping guide on my trip to Paris for my birthday this year.

Katie Westcott says

Unless you're uber into fashion and a chic girl, probably not going to enjoy this. A lot of the shops referenced are in Europe, so lost on an American like me with no hopes of walking into those stores. I did enjoy the guest articles, but they were too few. I feel like the author can be interesting but there's just too

much droning on about her awesome life. I completely read the first third of the book and then my patience would only tolerate flipping through the rest. Clearly a book I should not have picked for myself.

Cindy says

This little volume is a pleasure to hold. On picking it up I fell in love. Its textural, black velvet flocking against the bright pink cover is a visual thrill. Published in Great Britain, its thick glossy pages go beyond your expectations.

This luxurious book, is filled with tips, tricks and inspiration. (It's a cross between an aspirin and a bubble bath between hard covers!) Truly I wish I had a book like this in my 20's! Here are her chapter headings: Style, Beauty, Travel, Home, Garden, Food, Having Fun, Joie de Vivre, Pillow Talk and G spots.

I immediately found myself jotting notes about things I wanted to check into further.

A snippet of my list:

Pg 16 Internet shoe shops

Pg 23 Top Totes

Pg 71 Vintage Online

Other reading: Cheap Chic, Audrey Hepburn and Elegant Spirit, 1001 Bag Portraits by Miss Lecroc

I didn't read straight through it, but have skipped around and know it is something I'll keep referring back to.

Blair says

Despite the claim on the cover that 'there isn't a woman alive who wouldn't love it', I couldn't get into this. It's one of those books that purports to tell you everything you need to know about everything, but in reality tells you very little about anything and offers advice that is largely useless. It also suffers from the fact that it's written from a very personal point of view, and the writer's favourite beauty products and travel destinations aren't necessarily going to be anyone else's. On the plus side, it's beautifully designed - it's worth flicking through just to enjoy the layout - and the author does seem likeable.

Jade says

This book is for anyone who is into fashion, beauty & the like. It really is a 'Goddess Guide' and I feel you can dip into this maybe a few pages at a time. Definitely a coffee table read.

The illustrations, cover and inside of this book are absolutely stunning.

Daphne says

Messy in that specific scrapbook way, filled with advice and recommendations. Not bad. just didn't feel like it was aimed at me - I have no need for Gucci bags for instance. The cover is fairly unique with a velvet-like wallpaper motif. Must have been the reason I bought it (something I don't remember doing at all. Possible impulse buy ahoy!) because I cannot think of any other...

