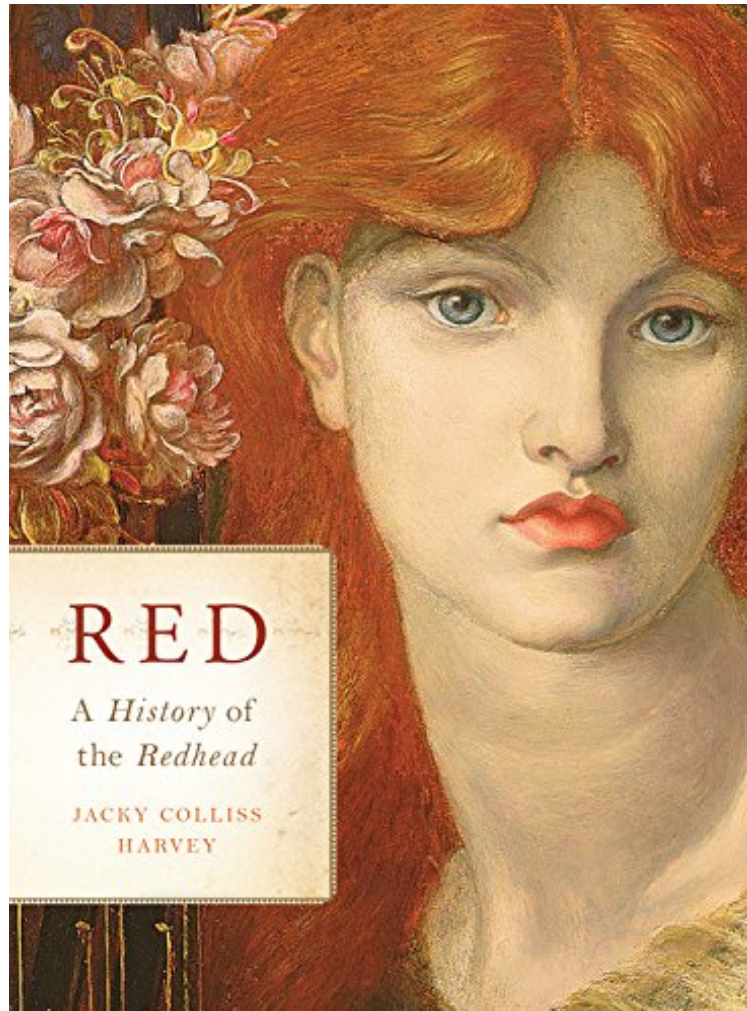


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**Jacky Colliss Harvey : Red: A History of the Redhead** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Red: A History of the Redhead:

60 of 60 people found the following review helpful. More Than a Hair Color By CMAI spent a good part of my childhood explaining to people that my sister and I, two red heads, were not adopted or kidnapped but did really belong to our parents, two people with very dark brown hair. I probably became a geneticist because I spent so much time explaining the pedigree of my hair to people. As I got older, the comments changed and everything became linked to my hair. If I got mad, it was because I was a red head. If I was in the sun, strangers would offer me sunscreen because I was a red head. The moment I walked into a room full of strangers, I would instinctively scan for another red head. Someone in that room would eventually comment on the hair color. I have walked down streets and had people make the sign against the devil. I have always thought all of these incidents were in my head. Jacky Colliss

Harveys Red: A History of the Redhead affirmed my suspicions that a bias truly exists against red heads. Harvey begins by explaining the history of the red head gene and its place in evolution in one of the best and clearest explanation of genetic drift ever written for a layperson. She then details the history of the red head through art and reveals how the modern attitudes are as ancient as the Bible. I found myself nodding along with Harvey as she detailed the biases and stereotypes red heads encounter on a daily basis. My one criticism of the book is that Harvey spent too much time discussing the art and not enough time discussing the modern plight and interpretations of the red head. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the book and would recommend it to anyone with red head as a reminder that you are not alone. I received this book as part of the GoodReads First Read program. This does not influence my review at all. 74 of 76 people found the following review helpful. The Best "Read" I've Had In a Long Time By Michael A Park Full disclosure: I originally bought this book because I've recently become friends with the author, and I thought it might be mildly interesting. I was wrong. It's fascinating. Around the central topic of red hair Jacky Colliss Harvey makes connections with genetics, evolutionary theory, history, mythology, art, literature, religion, and popular culture. All these topics are woven together as a narrative; you're reading a scholarly work (with an incredible amount of research) but you read it as a story, so well organized is it. The writing is superb; even complex sentences go smoothly and her descriptions of places and works of art are works of art themselves. Moreover, although a scholarly work, the personality of the author comes through. There is the perfect balance of academic fact with a conversational tone, treating the reader with respect. And you interact with the book (rather than reading it passively); I had fun realizing I knew some of the historical or factual or popular references, but equal fun looking up the ones I didn't know and, thus, learning even more. Finally, although I can't speak for most of the topics in the book, the areas that are my professional specialty (human evolution, genetics, and evolutionary theory) were all accurate and up-to-date. In short, one of the most pleasurable reading experiences of a nonfiction book I've had in a very long time. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Red: A History of the Redhead: Purchased at .com By dep It's almost worth buying this book just to gaze upon the cover, it's just lovely. I certainly did learn a lot about redheads with this book. There is so much history on the subject it's a bit overwhelming. As much as I love history, I found it a bit daunting to go through so much information. This is a pretty readable book though, it's written almost as if a friend was talking to you about redheads. My own personal favorites for redheads are Carol Burnett and Deborah Kerr. Two very talented women that I always admired. A very enjoyable read about a fascinating subject.

RED: A HISTORY OF THE REDHEAD is the first book to explore the history of red hair and red-headedness throughout the world. With an obsessive fascination that is as contagious as it is compelling, author Jacky Colliss Harvey begins her quest in prehistory and traces the redhead gene as it made its way out of Africa with the early human diaspora, to its emergence under Northern skies. She goes on to explore red hair in the ancient world (from the Tarim mummies in China to the Islamic kingdom of the Khazars); the prejudice manifested against red hair across medieval Europe; red hair during the Renaissance as both an indicator of Jewishness during the Inquisition and the height of fashion in Protestant England, where it was made famous by the Henry VIII and Elizabeth I; the modern age of art, and literature, and the first positive symbols of red hair in children's characters; modern medicine and science and the genetic and chemical decoding of red hair; and finally, red hair in contemporary culture, from advertising and exploitation to "gingerism"; and the new movement against bullying.

New Summer Must Reads from Harper's Bazaar - 'ON FIRE - in RED: A History of the Redhead, author Jacky Colliss Harvey.... examines age-old portrayals and notions about redheads in art, science and religion.' US Vogue, June 2015: 'The magnetic appeal of red hair... is the subject of a fascinating new book, RED: A History of the Redhead, by Jacky Colliss Harvey - herself one of the tribe.' 'A beautiful book - gorgeous cover, beautifully designed... [and] really fascinating and interesting.' Book Riot, June 10, 2015