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The Chocolate Connoisseur: For Everyone With A Passion For Chocolate



Synopsis

An expert and irresistible book for everyone who loves chocolate. Few people know as much about chocolate as Chloé Doutre-Roussel. In this unique book she shares her knowledge and her passion with chocolate lovers who will: - Learn to differentiate between good and bad chocolate - Discover wonderful new brands to savor and enjoy - Find out how to select brands to reflect mood and time of day - Learn to taste chocolate like a connoisseur Filled with information on the history, culture, lore, and culinary aspects of the world's finest chocolate, including recipes, this charming book is the most decadent dessert any chocolate lover can have-without the calories.

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Customer Reviews

As a life-long chocophile, I have immersed myself (not literally, as someone in this book has!) in the enjoyment of chocolate. Naturally, I am interested in almost everything that has to do with the subject. Chloe Doutre-Roussel's book is a great place to start if you don't know about the different plantations, chocolate history, and her. I found the book self-serving and a bit disingenuous. She does love talking about Chloe, and, she gives the impression she can eat a pound of chocolate daily and stay quite thin. Only at the end of the book does she tell you that she's exercising a minimum of two hours a day (swims an hour, does power yoga, and walks briskly). I am not putting her down for her regimen, as that would be hypocritical. I enjoy chocolate and everything else I want to eat guiltlessly because I also love yoga and walking. Chloe neglects to mention, let alone discuss, the history of slavery in the annals of chocolate lore; nor, does she even alight upon the current

situations on the Ivory Coast, where child labor and terrible working conditions still exist. I found this a huge omission. Yes, fair trade chocolate may not rival Domori's line, but what about the good karma that comes from knowing no one was hurt producing it for your enjoyment? As she is someone with a great deal of power in the chocolate industry I was sad to see that she gave short shrift to this enormous aspect of the business. She also omitted chocosphere.com as one of the great resources we have for buying our little delights in the US.

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