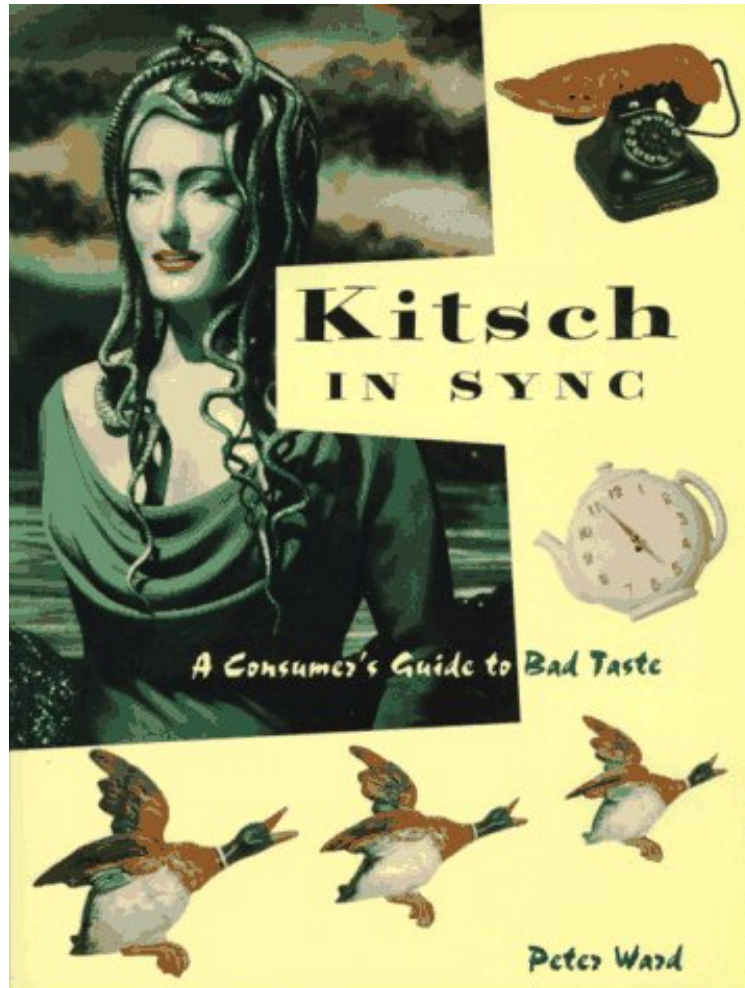


Kitsch in Sync: A Consumer's Guide to Bad Taste

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Peter Ward : Kitsch in Sync: A Consumer's Guide to Bad Taste before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kitsch in Sync: A Consumer's Guide to Bad Taste:

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Quick Read, Humorous By Heidi Crabtree aka Scoundrel Although the book is British, it takes on many American themes, like Jayne Mansfield and Mae West. I found some of the book funny but there were mistakes. Weird Al Yankovic's name was misspelled repeatedly, unless they spell it different in England! Also, for the last time, Mansfield was NOT decapitated, it was her wig on the windshield of her wrecked car. Mansfield's daughter has to explain this in every interview. Some American readers won't be too familiar with Cliff Richard or Freddie Garrity but music fans will be. The author seems to have some contempt for Benny Hill. If you're going to write about something it should be on items you like. I couldn't tell whether the author really likes and collects these items or was merely making fun of them. There was a lot in this book about people more than just

items. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Quirky Is Remembered By Robert J. Rowe All my life I have not been normal. It is too late to be normal now. When aliens discover earth a million years from now I hope that they scratch their heads when they find an artifact of a pink flamingo and ask themselves just who were we. My dream is to collect a hundred thousand bowling balls, paint them and assemble them into a giant peace symbol that can be seen from space. Maybe the aliens would come sooner. This is what kitsch means to me. Why be normal? 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious, and beautifully written. By A Customer I recommend this book to all people with a sense of humor. It isn't a dry sociological document. The author takes great pleasure in writing about the subject and manages to be tongue in cheek without sounding elitist. A little good kitsch is good for you!

Ever since the arbiters of taste first took their mothers' flying ducks off the walls of their suburban semis and displayed them proudly alongside their Bauhaus furniture, or chuckled knowingly at the musical toilet rolls in each other's bathroom, kitsch has become part of the style-setter's anti-style. Peter Ward explores the global culture of kitsch and charts a course through the shallowest waters of trivial bad taste that encompasses all aspects of life - from fashion to furnishings, art to artefacts, through movies, TV, pop and personalities.