



The Story of Red

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Blood and lust. Cardinal capes and sultry cosmetics. Fire and brimstone, warning signs, wine. Rubens' robes, Rothko's panels, Santa Claus's suit. This sumptuous book explores the story of red, with an essay that traces its shifting meanings from ancient history to present day and a gallery section showcasing the color in all its forms and shades. A beautiful gift for art lovers, designers and anyone who wants to understand how their favorite color came to be.

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