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# Vanity Fair 100 Years: From The Jazz Age To Our Age





## Synopsis

Vanity Fair 100 Years showcases a century of personality and power, art and commerce, crisis and culture—both highbrow and low. From its inception in 1913, through the Jazz Age and the Depression, to its reincarnation in the boom-boom Reagan years, to the image-saturated Information Age, Vanity Fair has presented the modern era as it has unfolded, using wit, imagination, peerless literary narrative, and bold, groundbreaking imagery from the greatest photographers, artists, and illustrators of the day. This sumptuous book takes a decade-by-decade look at the world as seen by the magazine, stopping to describe the incomparable editor Frank Crowninshield and the birth of the Jazz Age Vanity Fair, the magazineâ <sup>™</sup>s controversial rebirth in 1983, and the history of the glamorous Vanity Fair Oscar Party. With its exhaustive sweep, visual impact, and time-capsule format, Vanity Fair 100 Years is the book everyone will want in 2013. Praise for Vanity Fair 100 Years: " The book is a stunning artifact that begets staring, less for the words and publishing industry than as an exercise in visual storytelling reflected through the prism of society and celebrity. Â The best photographers, the best designers, the best illustrators all came together over Vanity Fairâ <sup>™</sup>s contents, and the book unfolds in page after page of stunningly rendered images, some iconic and some that never even ran.â • —New York Times Book Review Â

### **Book Information**

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This is a marvelous publication. It's not the kind that you sit down and read cover-to-cover. Rather

you leisurely flip through it and find amazing articles about whatever year or person or fad you may be interested in. It holds endless fascination with its wealth of photographic material and accompanying narratives which entertain and inform. A perfect gift for a VF lover. I bought it for my wife.

The Vanity Fair 100 Years book was purchased as a Christmas present for my sister - it was on her wish list - and she was thrilled. The book itself is very heavy due to the glossy paper which holds the full colour images, and yet it arrived undamaged in excellent shipping packaging. Plus it was shrink-wrapped inside so there was no damage to the binding from it sliding around inside the box. It's an oversized book, and definitely designed to sit flat on a coffee table. It could stand on a shelf, but care must be given to protect the binding from the weight of the pages. The material contained in the book consumed my sister for hours after opening it, and she still loves to pick it up and browse through it on a daily basis. A good choice for any Vanity Fair fan.

Although the price was right, the contents were not. First, the quality of the paper is unforgivable. Secondly, itching for a taste of nostalgia for a century's worth of photos, too many modern ones were used. It would have been better to buy a book of Vanity Fair art rather than magazine content. I don't regret owning the book, but, the quality of paper alone would keep me from gifting or sharing. As an avid reader of the magazine for most of my life, this book is grossly disappointing.

This was purchased as an appropriate wedding gift for a bride who is a bit older and is very interested in fashion. She recognizes all the latest people and places, just as I did when Any Warhol and Studio 54 were big years ago. Besides, the book is gorgeous, much more than just a coffee table book.

A lovely book but so heavy that one cannot possibly hold it to read. It should have been published in two or three volumes. You need to sit at a table or use a dictionary stand because it is so unwieldy.

I am enjoying this book immensely. It is well worth the price. My only "complaint" is that it is HUGE. It takes both hands to pick it up and since I don't have a coffee table I have no idea where I will keep it when I have finished reading it. Beautiful pictures. Great articles.

Very impressive coffee table book after you've read it cover to cover. The articles and photos will

keep you busy reading for some time and it's all the best of the best! Love it.

Fashion book lovers dream. I love the 30's and 40's picture and this books offers a 100 year look at Vanity Fair which in my opinion is one of the classic magazines out besides Vogue. Perfect gift for the jazz lover.

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