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Synopsis

Ars Sacra is a unique tribute to two thousand years of Christian art, architecture and spirituality. This glorious tome takes the reader on a cultural and spiritual odyssey through centuries of sacred art, from the late antiquity to works by contemporary artists such as Marc Chagall and Gerhard Richter.

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America. The reproductions are exceptional, large, clear, lush and deep colors. Many of the photos present close-up views and details of intricate cathedral carvings that one doesn't often see. The paper is heavy and the book appears to be quite sturdy, with a beautiful cover.

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