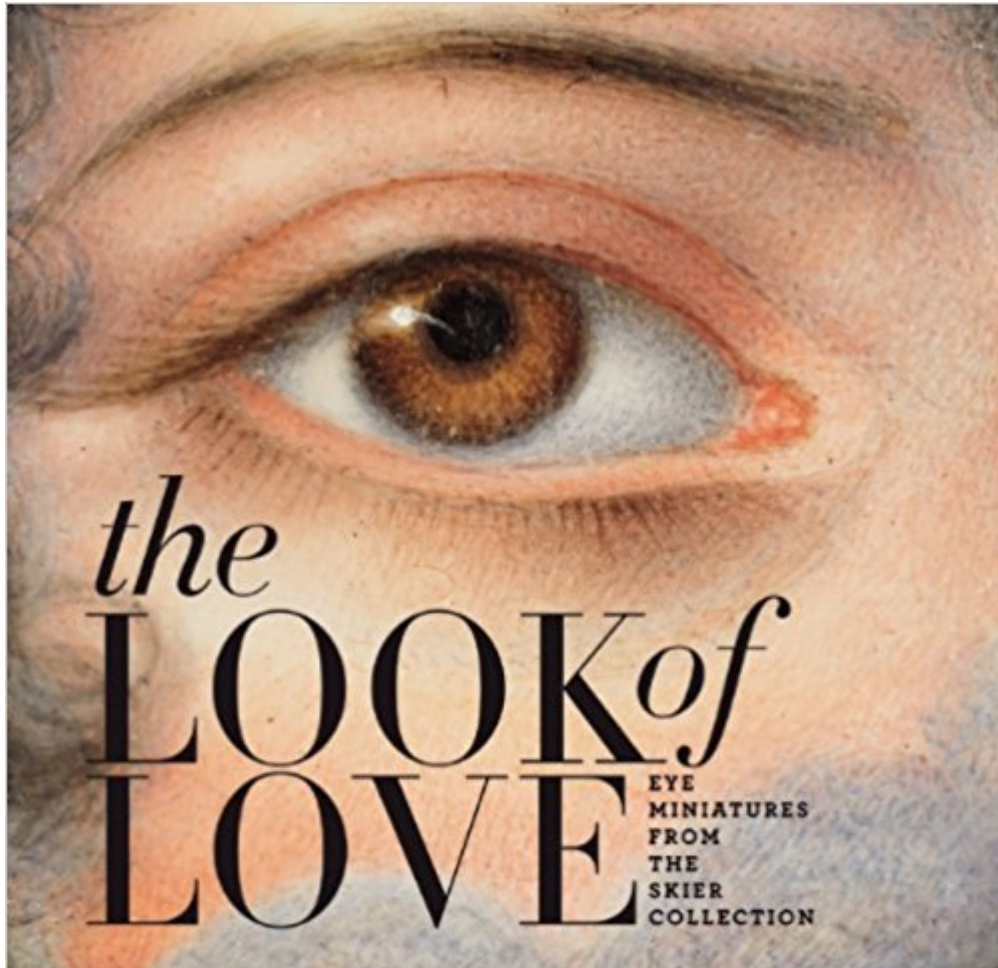


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# The Look Of Love: Eye Miniatures From The Skier Collection



## Synopsis

This stunning volume explores the little-known subject of "loverâ€™s eyes," hand-painted miniatures of single human eyes set in jewellery and given as tokens of affection or remembrance. In 1785, when the Prince of Wales secretly proposed to Mrs. Maria Fitzherbert with a miniature of his own eye, he inspired an aristocratic fad for exchanging eye portraits mounted in a wide variety of settings including brooches, rings, lockets and toothpick cases. Graham Boettcher discusses the history and function of loverâ€™s eyes, as well as the language and symbolism of their jewelled settings; Elle Shushan examines their role in the broader context of Georgian and early Victorian portrait miniatures; and Jo Manning offers five fictional vignettes imagining the circumstances surrounding the creation of these extraordinary objects.

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## Customer Reviews

As a collector of antique eye miniatures, I was so excited to finally have a reference book on them! The book is stunning and as informative as one might hope for such rare pieces of artwork. I don't really get why the chapter on fictional stories about specific pieces was added, other than to give non-antique collectors some historical perspective around lives during the relevant time period, but other than that one chapter, I really love the book and will use it in the future as a reference. I only wish I could get to the museum to see the exhibit which this book catalogs. This is a must have for collectors of eye miniatures, portrait miniatures and portrait jewelry of late 18th through the early 19th century.

I have been fascinated by the lovers' eye brooches ever since I learned about them. I'd love to have the means necessary to collect them. They are so rare that I don't even have one. So instead I look at the beautiful pictures of this one collection of many often spectacular examples of this interesting and exotic jewelry. This book contains photos of this one extensive collection which features examples of all forms of this type of jewelry. I judged this book the way I judge all books on collections by the number and quality of the photos. This book contains many gorgeous and clear photos cataloguing this one collection of lovers' eye jewelry.

I am the proud owner of a 18th century Eye Miniature as part of my historical miniatures collection. Elle Shushan and her fellow contributors shared the history of these often overlooked little pictures of history and how people show their SECRET love.

Lots of color photos and a truly comprehensive assessment of the subject. As someone who creates jewelry using eye imagery, I found this book full of inspiration as well.

THIS IS THE ONLY BOOK I HAVE FOUND ON THIS SUBJECT AND IT IS VERY GOOD, NICE PHOTOS. IT WILL HELP YOU IDENTIFY REAL PICES FROM THE FAKES.

I did not know about this type of miniatures before I saw this book. It was suggested to me by a friend. I have enjoyed learning about them. And hope to make a piece of my own.

EXCELLENT BOOK AND SERVICE ....THANKS!

Loved this!

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