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8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Tie a bow on it -- One for you, and one for a gift. By LKPImagine for a moment that you are walking the aisles at an outdoor flea market in France. Say, maybe, Revel or somewhere equally wonderful. So far, nothing has caught your eye. But, your luck is about to change. Big-time. You notice a large old scuffed cardboard carton under one of the sales tables. The flaps of the box are askew, giving you a view of the innards. You spy a stack of what-appears-to-be old ledger books, and hard-cover sample books with worn ribbon ties. Vintage color cards, some with written notations, are also in the carton. A tangle of faded striped grosgrain ribbon, tied in a bunch, is tucked into the treasure box. By now, you are salivating, knowing that you would pay ANYthing, or just about ANYthing, for this cache. ****Snap!**** Stop worrying -- someone has saved you all the trouble. This beautiful volume, "The French Ribbon" wonderfully preserves the long-ago ribbon industry in Saint-Etienne France; and documents page-after-page of lavish ribbons, lingerie trims, passementerie, braids, gimp, and more. Vintage

sample cards, steel engraved advertising cards and swatched color charts are beautifully presented, and (oh how perfect) a slim ribbon bookmark keeps your place. It isn't often that we get to peruse a special/unique archive like this; especially on a very specialized topic like ribbon --- Savor the moment. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must have for people who love French ribbons. By QOGI Beautiful book with fantastic pictures. There are seven separate sections of beautiful color photographs devoted to various types of ribbons: Stripe, Black and White, Fashion, Lingerie, Color, Floral and Fantasy. I would have liked more information about the ribbons in the photographs, instead of a general introduction. Well worth the price for just the photographs. Seller did an excellent job packaging the book. It arrived in perfect condition. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Buy this if you like vintage French ribbon. By diva I recently visited Paris and actually picked up in their famous flea markets some of these ribbons! They're a bit shabbier than shown in the book, but it's great to see a resource guide.

Introducing *The French Ribbon*, a unique sourcebook celebrating France's deep-rooted tradition of ribbon-making from the time when ribbons were an essential and often functional fashion accessory used to express individuality and style in everyday life, from weddings to times of mourning. Following the closure of one of the oldest factories in the industrial town of Saint-Etienne, France, an incredible cache of old salesmen's sample books, cards, and packaging surfaced to be photographed for posterity. Over 600 of these documents are now included: ribbons made from cotton, silk, satin, velvet, metallic threads, and innovative synthetic materials. *The French Ribbon* is a must-have book for every person interested in fashion, design, craft, art and the history of textiles.

From military medals to mourning bands to awareness pins, the simple, colorful ribbon has long been invested with powerful symbolism. *The French Ribbon* looks back to a time when these slender strips of fabric were the ultimate accessory, with more than 600 evocative photographs of swatch books and advertising leaflets that were taken upon the closure of a century-old factory in Saint-Etienne, France. (Hannah Martin Elle Decor, December 2014) The exquisite swatch books presented, simply photographed on white backgrounds, let you imagine that the gorgeous artifacts depicted within *The French Ribbon* can somehow be yours. Perfection. (UPPERCASE Magazine)