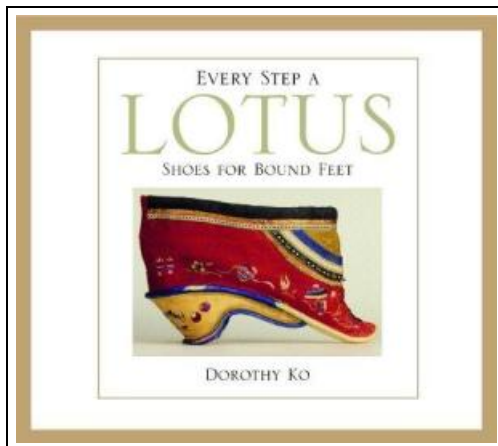


Every Step a Lotus: Shoes for Bound Feet (Paperback)



Filesize: 6.34 MB

Reviews

An extremely wonderful ebook with lucid and perfect explanations. I was able to comprehend almost everything using this composed e publication. It is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding, once you begin to read the book.
(Kimberly Carroll)

EVERY STEP A LOTUS: SHOES FOR BOUND FEET (PAPERBACK)



University of California Press, United States, 2002. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In *Every Step a Lotus*, Dorothy Ko embarks on a fascinating exploration of the practice of footbinding in China, explaining its origins, purpose, and spread before the nineteenth century. She uses women's own voices to reconstruct the inner chambers of a Chinese house where women with bound feet lived and worked. Focusing on the material aspects of footbinding and shoemaking—the tools needed, the procedures, the wealth of symbolism in the shoes, and the amazing regional variations in style—she contends that footbinding was a reasonable course of action for a woman who lived in a Confucian culture that placed the highest moral value on domesticity, motherhood, and handwork. Her absorbing, superbly detailed, and beautifully written book demonstrates that in the women's eyes, footbinding had less to do with the exotic or the sublime than with the mundane business of having to live in a woman's body in a man's world. Footbinding was likely to have started in the tenth century among palace dancers. Ironically, it was meant not to cripple but to enhance their grace. Its meaning shifted dramatically as it became domesticated in the subsequent centuries, though the original hint of sensuality did not entirely disappear. This contradictory image of footbinding as at once degenerate and virtuous, grotesque and refined, is embodied in the key symbol for the practice—the lotus blossom, being both a Buddhist sign of piety and a poetic allusion to sensory pleasures. *Every Step a Lotus* includes almost one hundred illustrations of shoes from different regions of China, material paraphernalia associated with the customs and rituals of footbinding, and historical images that contextualize the narrative. Most of the shoes, from the collection of the Bata Shoe Museum...



[Read *Every Step a Lotus: Shoes for Bound Feet \(Paperback\)* Online](#)



[Download PDF *Every Step a Lotus: Shoes for Bound Feet \(Paperback\)*](#)

Other eBooks



A Kindergarten Manual for Jewish Religious Schools; Teacher s Text Book for Use in School and Home

Rarebooksclub.com, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can download...

[Save Document »](#)



A Little Wisdom for Growing Up: From Father to Son

Wipf Stock Publishers, United States, 2007. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 193 x 119 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Description: A Little Wisdom for Growing Up is an ancient form...

[Save Document »](#)



How to Make a Free Website for Kids

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Table of Contents Preface Chapter # 1: Benefits of Having a Website Chapter...

[Save Document »](#)



The About com Guide to Baby Care A Complete Resource for Your Babys Health Development and Happiness by Robin Elise Weiss 2007 Paperback

Book Condition: Brand New. Book Condition: Brand New.

[Save Document »](#)



Shadows Bright as Glass: The Remarkable Story of One Man's Journey from Brain Trauma to Artistic Triumph

Free Press. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. 1439143102 SHIPS WITHIN 24 HOURS!! (SAME BUSINESS DAY) GREAT BOOK!!

[Save Document »](#)