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In this worldwide tour of knitting traditions and techniques - including colourwork, cables, lace, intarsia and more - Nicky explains the origins and traditional uses of each one and then goes on to reinvigorate and recombine all these beloved styles in her inimitable way. The result is over 40 innovative knitting designs.

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Denise says

There is actually quite a lot to read in this. It goes over the history of knitting in each region and was very informative. Some of the patterns are a bit costume-like and there's way too much applique for my taste while others are works of art.

Anne says

While the patterns in this are well-written, I didn't actually like the projects. They seemed a little dated. It was worth checking out, but it's not a book I need in my knitting library.

Gloria says

Thought the patterns were, well, a little over-the-top and almost exaggerated (dare I say stereotypes?). Photos themselves were also that way... The little tidbits of history were just that, tidbits. Worth a borrow, but definitely not a purchase.

Jodi says

Beautiful pictures and beautiful projects - I just wish I was an advanced enough knitter to try some of these! The projects are inspirational though and I'll be practicing my knitting this winter and coming back to this book after some practice!

Amanda BeReckonedwith says

Interesting Tyrolean leg warmers and some extravagant scarves. sweaters have lots of unusual shapes. altogether gave me some food for thought on shapes, accessories for knitting, and a reconsideration of the knitted dress.

Laura Gessert says

AMAZING AND STUNNING these designs are gorgeous. If you are going to knit -- dream big and do something very cool for yourself the pattern for which can be found in here I was stunned at how gorgeous these designs were. Another book to be bought for the library. You will never tire of looking at this book

Nancy says

This was a surprisingly disappointing book from Epstein, whose books are usually filled with great projects. There were only a few projects that I considered attractive, but none of them were things I'd wear, and most of the items really struck me as very unappealing either in color choices, yarn, or design, or sometimes some combination.

Laura says

There are so many cool knitted garments in this book! When I was looking through it I found something marvelling every page. Even though I might never get around to knitting some of these patterns, they were exquisite creations that you could look at to get inspiration. These knitted clothes were amazing! I would totally recommend this book.

*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2009...>

McKinley says

Quite a variety; nothing for me.

Tiamat_the_red says

Interesting but not quite what I was expecting. Some of the patterns are very, very dated but some aren't. The discussion of the different traditions wasn't as detailed as I'd hoped. Still, some interesting techniques. I look forward to trying some of them.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

Wow, ugly ugly ugly. When I see really dated and ugly styles in old knitting books I wonder if I would have thought so when the books originally came out. Now I know. This book contains some of the ugliest knitwear I have ever seen and nothing would be wearable in even a couple of years without looking dated. I honestly would not make a single project from this book.

Diane says

There is no question that Nicky Epstein is a genius at knitting and crochet design but I found most of the projects in this book to be over-sized and overweight, yarn weight that is.

I think most of the projects would have benefited from a much smaller gauge yarn. Additionally almost half of the projects look like they could house a small family.

Laurie Traverse says

Nicky Epstein - I highly recommend ALL of her books!

Wendy Reiersen says

The styles are unconventional, based on styles and traditions from around the world. I got this book because I wanted to make the Mongolian Warriear pullover, but there are several other patterns I will also want to knit. I don't usually spend this much on a knitting book. This is one I don't regret, because there really is nothing else like it. And they obviously had so much fun making the book.

Beth666ann says

I'm a sucker for a giant knitting picture book, but this one does not work for me. Instead of a global guide I'd call it more of a parade of ethnic stereotypes, and I'm sure you can imagine the photo shoots for Spain, France, and England with ease. Also covered are the Middle East, Egypt, etc.etc. Also, I don't like Epstein's designs, mostly. There are some things here that I would personally just never want to knit. All of that said, there are some neat introductions to European knitting, particularly the Brit and Scandanavian knitting traditions, which I believe the author knows best.
