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Synopsis

Destroying books has traditionally been seen as a brutal, almost inhumane, act. Is it possible that instead, book destruction can be turned into beautiful and inspiring works of art? That's the premise behind a new book from distinguished designer and photographer, Julius Friedman. Titled simply, *The Book*, Friedman's latest project is an art book made possible by the sacrifice of several other beautiful books for the pieces within. "The Book project was inspired by Gail Gilbert, the art librarian at the University of Louisville Library, when she gave me a bag of books she was discarding," Friedman noted. "She thought I could tear them up and make collages or an art project. I told her I was not a collage artist and, being a book designer, I could not tear them up. After months of them sitting in my basement and Gail saying, 'Do something with them,' I made my first deconstruction and collage," he added. Those first collages grew into a body of work, and later, a limited edition of 20 books, all hand-sewn and hand-bound, using hand-set type, letterpress, and tipped-in photographs and a box made of cherry wood to house each copy. The "run" sold out immediately. "After that project, I continued to make collages and decided to do a coffee table book that people from all walks of life could afford, enjoy, and experience," the artist added. The result is stunning. In 130 beautiful photographs, Friedman gives his torn-apart and twisted books fascinating shapes and structures, some lit from within or without, ranging from the abstract to the concrete, and from the visceral to the intellectual. "I looked at the book from its beginnings to the current and emerging world of the Kindle and other electronic tablets, intuitively keeping in mind the sacred word, censorship, holding an object, its tactile way, even the smell of a book," he stated. *The Book* will be loved, ironically, by book lovers who will recognize how the artist has harnessed the tactile power of books and transformed them into new and moving forms for his art.

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I'm so happy I got this and went back for more. The Book takes one on a stunning journey of photographs through all the places travelled when actually reading a book. With each turn of the page is the jolting reminder of the history and value that books hold for being and becoming more human. You'll love just having it there because you keep picking it back up and being amazed with the imagination. It's the best gift I can give to family, friends, and especially the younger ones who need to hold The Book! I just love it over and over again! I think every library should have this on display for all to look through.

The Book is a visual treat. Artist Julius Friedman pays homage to the book as an object of sculptural beauty. As someone who has studied book binding and paper making, I especially love the wonderful collages he created with fragments of image, text and the materials that go into binding a book. Highly recommended for all lovers of books old and new.

Friedman captures the tactile nature of books, you almost want to reach out through the pictures and caress these new things. Yet you stop, not because you know that your hand canâ™t travel through a picture but because you know that these books, these books are now new works of art, inviolate and unique deserving of a different kind of reverence than what they previously had. Read full review here:[...]

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