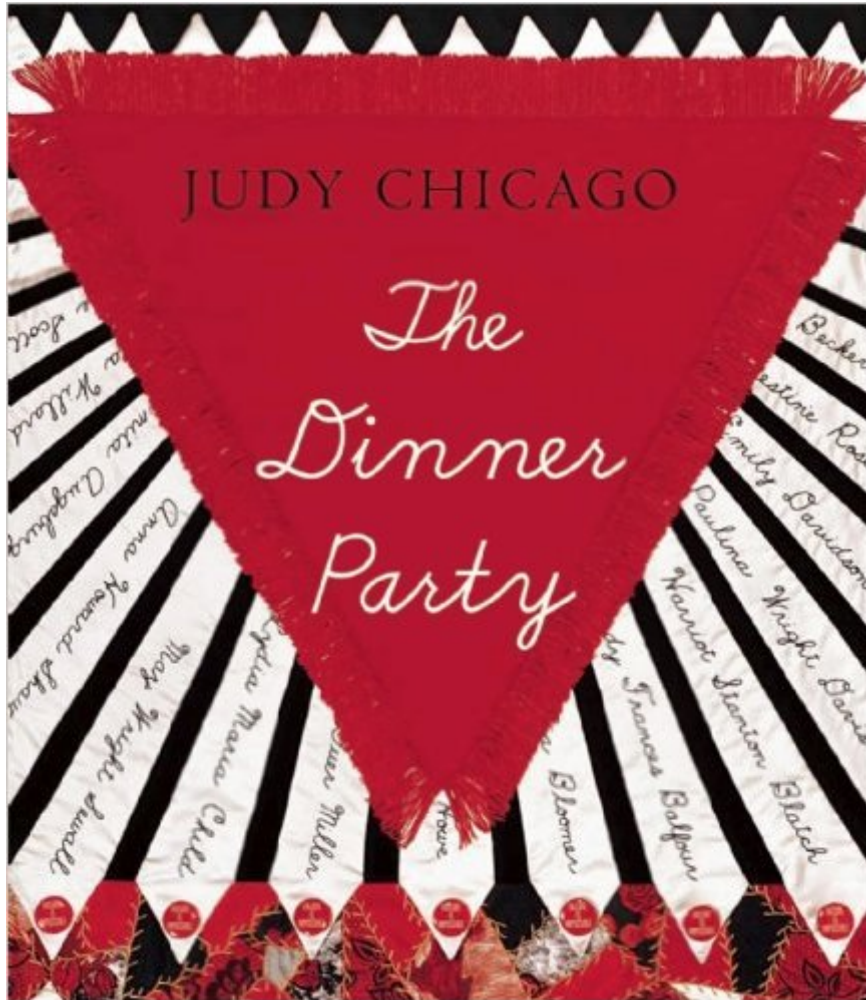


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# The Dinner Party: From Creation To Preservation



## Synopsis

Judy Chicago's masterpiece *The Dinner Party* is a monumental work of art conceived as a symbolic history of women in Western civilization. Strategically countering the traditional erasure of women's achievements, this epic installation honours 1038 iconic, mythical, archetypal and historical women. This, the most definitive book to be published on Chicago's masterwork, reveals more fully than ever before the art and the artist's expanded research into the rich history embodied in the installation. In lively contextualizing sections, Chicago discusses the creative genesis of *The Dinner Party*, the technical processes involved, and the work's early – often hostile – reception by the art world, and its subsequent preservation and permanent exhibition.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the exhibit book for "The Dinner Party", the historicfeminist art project led by Judy Chicago. It consists of a table with 39 place settings, each honoring a legendary or real woman. Each setting consists of painted and sculpted china plates and embroidered tapestries, both replete with imagery and symbolism. I am giving it to a young female friend for her 13th birthday, and I've already given it to a 17-year-old cousin. Congress considered this work obscene, but I consider it a masterpiece.

*The Dinner Party: From Creation to Reservation* offers up an excellent, illustrated guide to the art of Judy Chicago. All other books documenting her DINNER PARTY are all out of print, but even when

they were available, none offered such an extensive, full-color treatment as does THE DINNER PARTY: FROM CREATION TO RESERVATION. Documentary photos follow its creation and an essay by Judy Chicago surveys the history of women, the collaborative effort involved, and the history of the work's exhibition. Perfect for college-level art libraries; especially those with some works on Judy Chicago already in their holdings. Diane C. Donovan California Bookwatch

I love judy chicago's dinner party. The art is organic and really fits the different representations of the women she is trying to portray. This book has pictures of the plates, as well as the individual runners for the plates. It also has information about the 999 women who's names form the dinner party. Not everyone has a plate, but there is a little bio about them. I really like to pull this book out for inspiration and information about the women represented in this book. It's a great art book that really illustrates this piece, since I may never see it in person.

A triumph! A long-awaited celebration of truth about all womankind! A must-have for all women. and for men who truly appreciate their worth! Every female in the world should read this book cover-to cover and rejoice. A rare and beautiful work of art--second only to The Dinner Party exhibit itself. I am going to give this book to my daughter, friends of varying ethnic backgrounds, and several lesbian friends. How often do you find a book that speaks to the entire human race about the valuable contributions of the so-called "weaker sex"? Now we must all work to get The Dinner Party exhibit traveling, as it was originally intended to do, so that we can all personally stand in awe at this altar to all Eve's daughters!

I had seen this book at a New York Museum but figured i would purchase it online...well the one i saw was in color and this one was not in color at all...still like looking at the book but was a bit disapointed....

This is an incredible book and a wonderful women's history resource. It talks about goddesses, women in history, etc. as well as the art project itself. The project made vulva plates for different women, some real women, some fictional, but things like a frilly Victorian pink lace 3D vulva for Emily Dickinson upset some...and caused this artwork to be banned many places. The book talks about the women's names on the tiles that make up the floor, about the runners which were hand embroidered for the display, etc. This is a book about women and art, women's history, and more! I highly recommend this book for all women.

Beautiful in every way. When I saw the Dinner Party at the Brooklyn Museum, I was overwhelmed. I could have spent a week there absorbing this stupendous work of art and felt sorry to leave. With this book I have the next best thing to being there in person.

I was blown away with "the Dinner Party" at the Brooklyn Museum! There is so much to take in about this complicated exhibit and I wanted to know more about the artist's work. Imagine my disappointment when I go to the museum gift shop and they do not have a hard bound book about it! So, after getting back to my iPad that evening, I went to and found this book. It is exactly what I was looking for!

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