

Katharina Koppenwallner

Souvenirs

50 things that exist elsewhere

“Go out into the world. It’s more fantastic than any dream.” Ray Bradbury

About the Book

Few of us can follow the advice of the Dalai Lama, who recommends visiting a place each year that you have never been to before. If you don’t have the time or money to travel to far-flung places, you can take a short trip around the world with this book and discover all sorts of things that only exist elsewhere. These include clay votive horses from India that can fulfil any kinds of wishes, Vyshyvanka costumes from the Ukraine, which can ward off the evil eye through their embroidery, Waq’ollos masks from Peru worn during ritual fistfights, men’s wrestling pants from Mongolia that resemble skimpy bikini bottoms, or Albanian marble ashtrays fashioned in the shape of a bunker, 173,371 of which the dictator Enver Hoxhas built during his reign.

Katharina Koppenwallner’s souvenirs from her travels are not only interesting and bizarre, but they also hold stories worth telling.

“In this book, the ethnologist pays tribute to precious items and everyday objects from all over the world and their origins.” Nürnberger Zeitung

“A wonderful little book that lets you make a journey to distant places from your own sofa.” Kulturtipp

“A small book that opens up the big wide world.” Petra

“Katharina Koppenwallner is a modern treasure hunter.” Bild der Frau



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KATHARINA KOPPENWALLNER was born in 1966, is an art historian and stylist and has been travelling to remote areas of the world for many years to acquire special things – ceramics, textiles, clothing, household goods – which she sells in Berlin in her shop “International Wardrobe”.