

Books

Preoccupations ★★★★★

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Our voyeuristic curiosity about the private life of artists is once again sated in "Preoccupations," a book that peeps into the obsessions, fetishes and secret pleasures of over 100 artists from Hong Kong and beyond. Each creative field, from visual arts to poetry, is represented, and each artist is given a space to discuss and illustrate their chronic or impulsive pursuits, from the banality of cooking

and drinking coffee to the bizarreness of cross-dressing and unpacking men's underwear. It's a dizzying affair—as you flip through the pages, many of your assumptions about artists are refuted, confirmed, then refuted again. We're happy to call "Preoccupations" a brilliant piece of art about art. **Winnie Chau**