

VIENNA

ITS COFFEE HOUSES AND ARTISTS

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SYNOPSIS

The Turks brought coffee to Vienna, but it was the Viennese who introduced coffee-house culture to the world. Coffee is more than an epicurean pleasure – it is a way of living. In this book, Eva Gesine Baur brings to life the heyday of the coffee houses in her portrayal of Vienna's arts scene. Poets, painters, composers, and bon viveurs were all regulars in the city's *beisl*n, or taverns, and all play a part in the tales packed into this book. Today, the enduring links with their famous clientele still constitute a huge draw for these taverns – among locals and tourists alike. From Beethoven and Freud to Klimt and Stefan Zweig, we meet the great and the good in the world of the arts. Before our very eyes, the story, the culture, and the *zeitgeist* of the Austro-Hungarian Empire unfold, in a world that is as glamorous and irresistible today as it ever was. This appeal is reflected by Berthold Steinhilber's illustrations.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

In 2001 BERTHOLD STEINHILBER was awarded the prize for the most promising young photographer by the Association of Freelance Photographic Designers. A number of books have been illustrated with his photographs. In *Geisterstädte* (Ghost Towns), he captures the American West in an unforgettable light.

POINTS OF SALE

- Eleven world-famous Viennese coffee houses are featured in this book. Their addresses are also included, making it quick and easy for tourists to find them.
- All these hostelrys owe their popularity to the remarkable

personalities of the Viennese arts scene, each of whom left an indelible mark.

- Vienna, brimming with the glamour of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was a magnet for both A-list celebrities and quirky characters. It is still one of Europe's most beautiful cities, and its baroque charm is captured by Berthold Steinhilber's new photographs.