

*Red: A History of the Redhead* by Jacky Colliss Harvey.

I picked out this new nonfiction book because I couldn't imagine a book could be written just on the subject of red hair. I found that an incredible amount can be researched on the topic, including copious footnotes, which I wasn't quite expecting. But often they held interesting sidelights on the red-headed that I hadn't expected either. Here is the book for all redheads to read – and for any who know them. Who knew, for instance, that red is the most popular color for hair dye? We'd all like to be redheads if we had been given the choice, perhaps. A book filled with interesting experiences of the redheaded author, it's fascinating to trace attitudes about red hair through centuries and across cultures, from historical figures like Queen Elizabeth I, through artists like Van Gogh and Toulouse Lautrec, and into pop culture today.