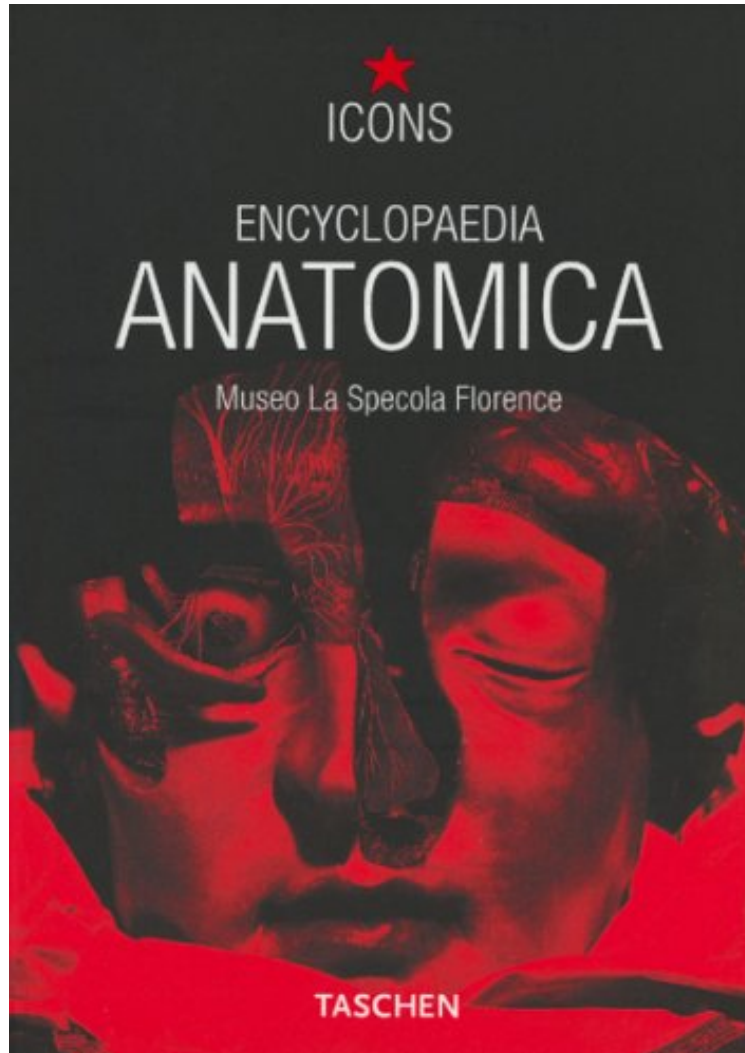


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**Museo La Specola Florence : Encyclopedia Anatomica (TASCHEN Icons Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia Anatomica (TASCHEN Icons Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Book is Better than the Museum By Diego Banducci Stumbled on the Museo La Specola on a trip to Florence about five years ago. The museum, which is primarily a museum of natural history, is run down and dusty. They save these anatomical models for the end of the self-guided tour. Even covered with dust, they are spectacular. Created towards the end of the 18th Century, they are cut-away wax models of the human body that were used to instruct medical students. They have been cleaned up for the pictures in this book. The pictures are great -- lots of large full-color pictures of the highest quality, perhaps because the publisher (Taschen)

is a publisher of fine art books. As an aside, I saw a horror movie on TV one night in which one of these models was used as a freshly opened abdomen of a young woman who had been murdered by an evil doctor. It looked pretty realistic. Anyway, buy the book, then go visit the museum when you're in Florence (it's next to the Pitti Palace). If this page shows it as unavailable, try *Encyclopedia Anatomica* (Klotz). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Meh... By Brittany I thought this was going to be real but it's not. I got this for my husband though so I guess he can use it for his art. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Wow! X-Files meets the Medicis! By Julie Ann Kirk I ran across this book in a small shop in Rome (wish I had seen it here first) - while the text of my copy is all in Italian (And I don't read Italian) the pictures were enough to sell me on wanting to see the exhibit it represents. It is chock full of beautiful photographs of the human anatomical exhibit at La Specola, a zoological museum in Florence, Italy - kind of on the strange macabre side, but if you like that, you will love this book. The focus of the human exhibit is a number of incredible 18th century wax sculptures that were done for the study of medicine and strange ailments of the body. As a figure drawing student, I am very interested in learning as much as I can about anatomy - this book has some beautiful artistically well done photographs of these various anatomical structures which are a wonderful study tool for me. Hey, all I can say is that the price was so good and I loved the book enough to buy a couple copies and give one as a gift - and I will add that the price here on is better than what I paid.

Gathering together photographs of stunningly realistic wax anatomies from Florence's Museo La Specola, "Encyclopedia Anatomica" is a revealing journey through the human body. Although reduced, the most important views and studies from the original Taschen volume have all been included.