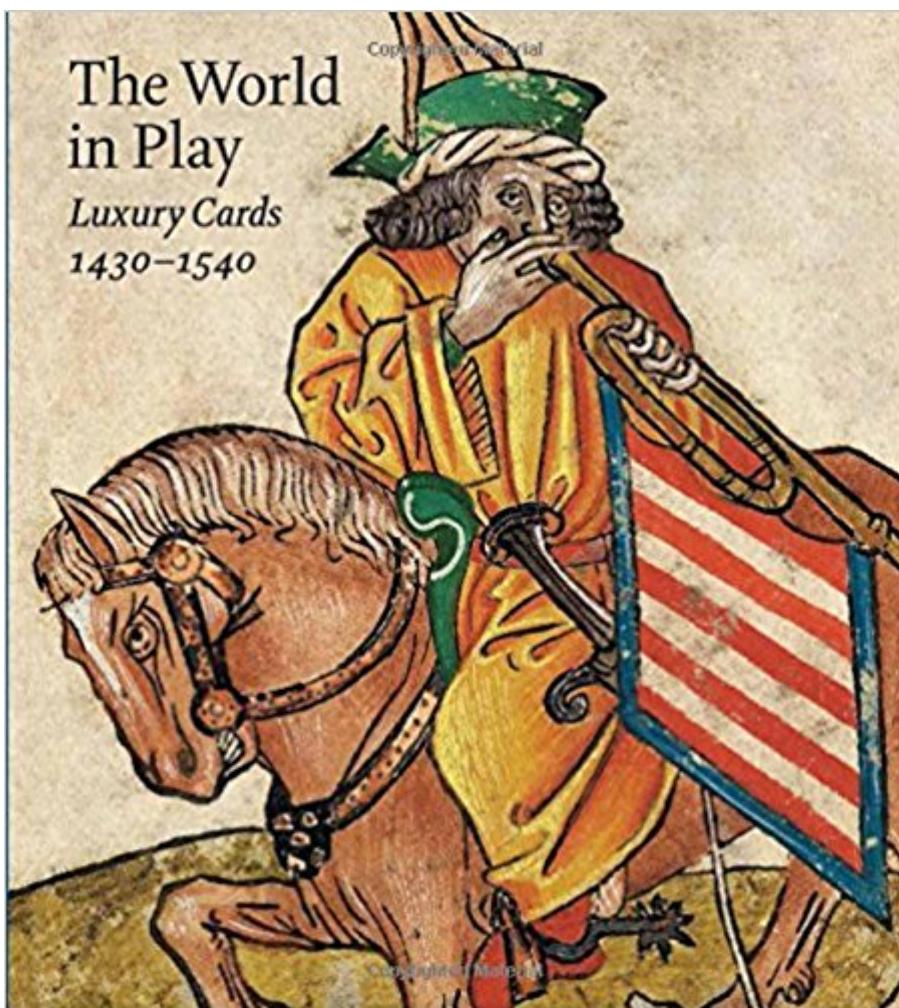


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# The World In Play: Luxury Cards 1430–1540



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This engaging illustrated history of medieval and Renaissance playing cards explores a fascinating secular art form that thrived during a tumultuous time.

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Beautifully illustrated book with interesting text.

Not about the tarot, except peripherally, but full of gorgeous illustrations of early playing cards.

Nicely annotated.

Images of cards were blown up so the details were easy to see and investigate. Beautiful collection of images on quality/durable paper.

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My mother loved them!

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