

BOOKS

Baccarat: Two Hundred and Fifty Years*By Murray Moss and Laurence Benaim*

◆ To mark its 250th birthday, the French crystal works company, founded by a decree of King Louis XV, is releasing its first book. Coauthors Murray Moss, a home-design authority and entrepreneur, and fashion writer Laurence Benaim detail Baccarat's dynamic history of craftsmanship, innovation and artistic partnerships.

RIZZOLI NEW YORK,
OCTOBER 2013, \$85,
420 PAGES



WEBSITES

The Purple Passport*Cofounded by Emily C. Brands and Jennifer Garcia-Alonso*

◆ The Purple Passport is a bit like having plugged-in, tasteful friends in each of the eight cities covered by the travel site: Los Angeles; New York; Palm Beach, Fla.; Washington; London; Paris; Beijing; and Taipei, Taiwan. The Purple Passport reports the year a hot spot opened, noise level, "famous plates," recommended dress, vibe, what could be improved and its "closest comps" (similar well-known establishments).

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DESTINATIONS

Necker Island, British Virgin Islands

◆ Following a 2011 fire that ravaged Great House on Necker Island, Richard Branson has completed a two-year renovation of his private escape spot. Guests can again reserve the eight-room, Balinese-style home with panoramic views of the Caribbean, Atlantic and surrounding islands. Visitors can also rent the entire island.

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SERVICES

BlackJet

◆ A new player in the private-aviation game, BlackJet lets its members reserve individual captain-chair seats on its fleet, a break from the industry paradigm of making clients charter entire planes. Backers include celebrity investors Jay-Z and Ashton Kutcher.

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A Scent of Champagne: 8,000 Champagnes Tasted and Rated*By Richard Juhlin*

◆ Champagne critic Richard Juhlin includes a comprehensive ranking system, as well as vintage guides by year, alongside a list of the world's 100 best Champagnes. His book also includes 315 color photographs and an encyclopedic catalogue of every noteworthy producer, from Henri Abelé to Vranken.

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FILMS

All Is Lost*Directed and written by J.C. Chandor*

◆ A perfect storm for sailing fans: In the middle of a solo journey on his 39-foot yacht, an intrepid sailor (played by Robert Redford) wakes on the Indian Ocean to discover that his vessel—along with its navigation and radio equipment—has been critically damaged. This film tells the story of a resourceful mariner's epic fight to survive.

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