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Description:

From In a fascinating yet gruesome account of the former practice of binding the feet of Chinese girls, Jackson details the 1,000-year history, the necessary surgery and two-year process, the shoes and embroidery, and the lore (erotic and otherwise), as well as comparisons with other cultures (e.g., the so-called giraffe women of Burma, whose necks stretch as a result of an increasing series of necklaces). Surprisingly, it's a remarkably easy piece of writing to peruse; she tells both personal and cultural stories of lotus-bud feet, beginning with her discovery of a less-than-six-inch pair of

shoes in, of all places, Edinburgh. Elegant color and historical photographs give the tradition a sense of reality; a fictional character--Phoenix Treasure--opens every chapter with comments on both the practice and the changing culture. Hobbled, almost crippled at times with pain, the Han Chinese women of yore (Manchus or Hakkas would never submit to such a barbarism) are indeed worthy of our pity--and, in modern days, our respect. *Barbara Jacobs*

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