

Review of:

Firework Art

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This is a very nostalgic book, giving examples of firework labels, posters and point of sale material over the period of my childhood as well as before.

The labels are exceptionally well reproduced, my only criticism would be that additional information, including the approximate date of the relevant firework, could usefully be appended to each label.

The introductory text is interesting, but not seemingly directly related to the illustrations that follow. It details the changes in the UK's fireworks industry, reflecting sadly on the general decline and rise in imports. It also, in the most general terms, equates the style of firework art to the social history of the day.

One of the most fascinating features of the labels themselves is the safety text - why is it that our parents' and grandparents' generations were able, seemingly, to enjoy their fireworks (and the firework art) without having to read, and probably ignore, reams of instructions, warnings and compliance text?

This is a worthwhile addition to any firework enthusiasts library

See also <http://www.firework-art.com>