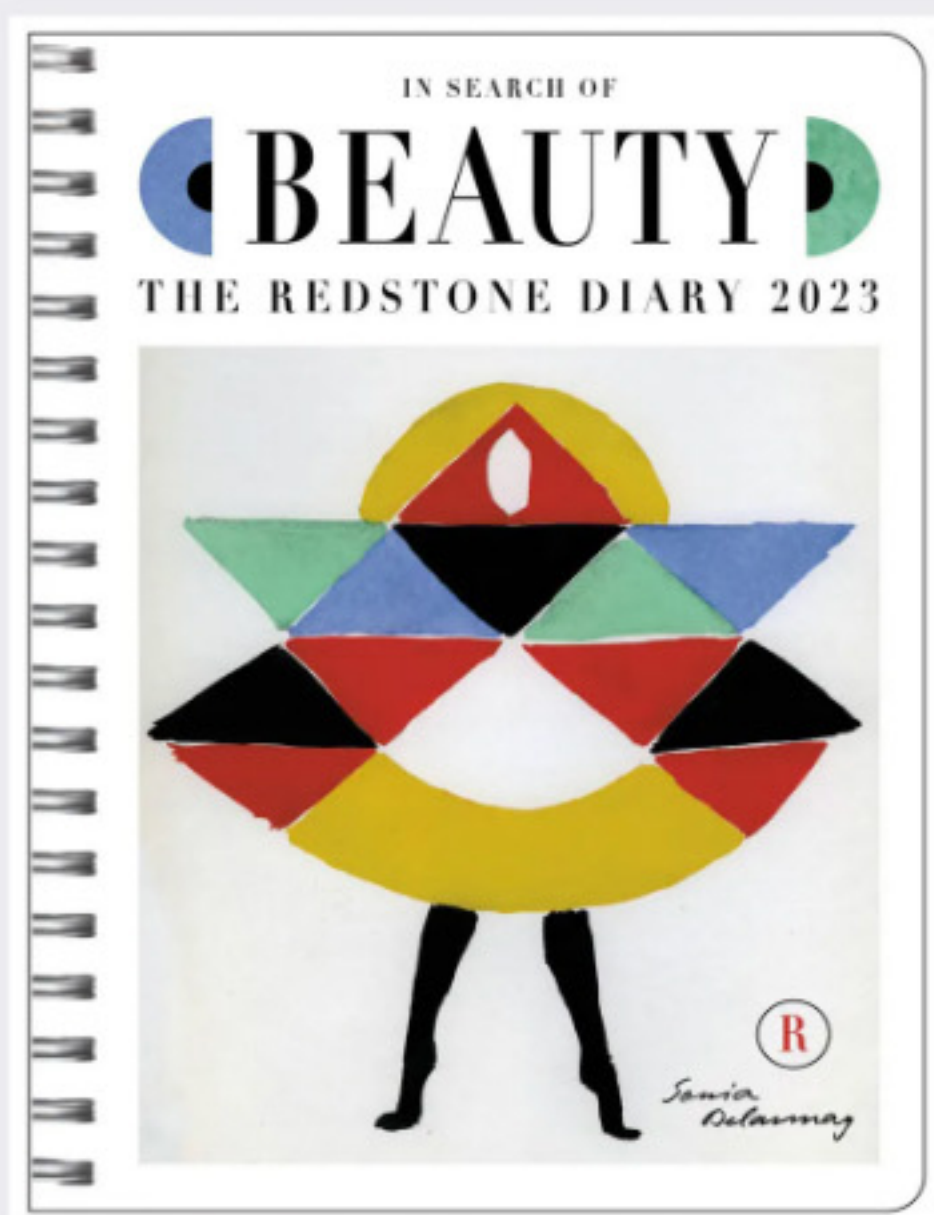

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The Redstone Diary 2023: In Search of Beauty

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For more than 30 years now, editor Julian Rothenstein has curated his beloved *Redstone Diaries* with a delightful assortment of artwork, photographs, quotes, and other cultural sundries, all centered around a certain theme — they're like a planner

and a monograph rolled into one. For 2023, the theme is beauty, featuring excerpts from luminaries such as John Baldessari, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Louise Bourgeois. As someone who grows paralyzed when faced with a procession of blank pages, I'm not really a big notebook person (most of my stray thoughts are scattered in bits and pieces across the Notes app). But opening a journal where half the pages are already filled with something lovely, creative, and valuable takes all the pressure off and may even inspire some beautiful musings of my own.

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