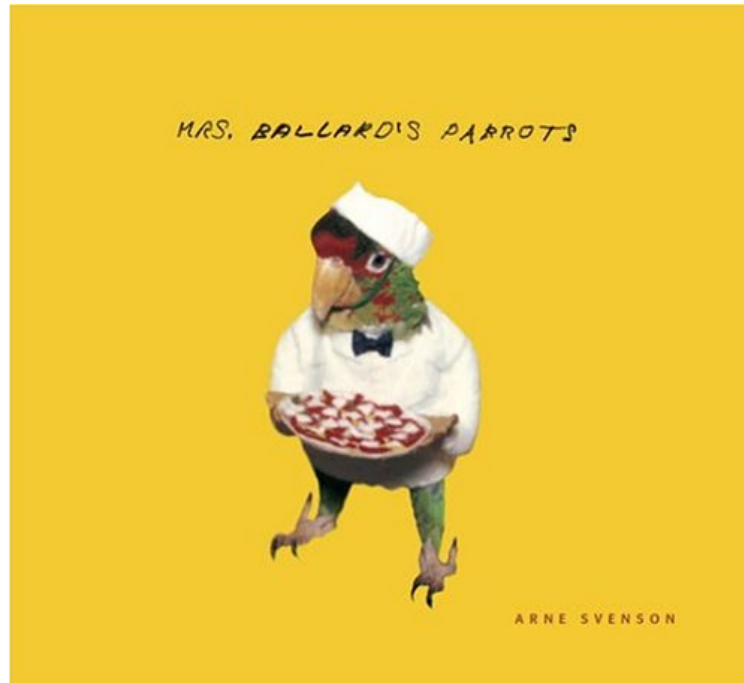


Mrs. Ballard's Parrots

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Arne Svenson : Mrs. Ballard's Parrots before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mrs. Ballard's Parrots:

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Birds scare me. By E. Michelle Cromer But when I saw them dressed as Sonny, Cher, General Patton, Liberace, and/or Little Red Riding Hood I screamed all right, of absolute laughter. Arne Svenson's wonderfully respectful book on Alba Ballard is a view into the world of a unique artist who used her pet birds as the protagonists in fantastic surreal tableaus based on 1970's movie and TV scenes, historical occurrences, and fairytales. The photos walk a fine line between humor and pathos and offer somewhat satirical, and I am sure intended, comment on the culture of the time. I am certain that when Mrs. Ballard created these images she was looked upon as a "bit odd" and perhaps even laughed at. I mean, let's get real, she was a housewife in Long Island who designed and created tiny bird costumes, velcroed them onto her pet parrots and made them run around miniature stages while her husband snapped the camera. Not exactly your typical neighborhood gal. However, with this marvelous volume, I think that Mrs. B is having the last laugh. Buy this book, and you will laugh along with her. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Bird is the Word By Froggyboggler If you enjoy parrots- if you enjoy parrots dressed up in tiny outfits reenacting historical and hysterical scenes by an eccentric but loving owner, you will enjoy this book. Both Mrs. Ballard and her birds seem to be having a wonderful time and it's a joy to behold. Thanks, Arne Svenson, for making these photos available to the world in this pictorially rich book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Would Return but Wasn't Worth the Cost By Jane Poor picture quality; didn't like the book at all.

A humorous collection of parrot photography by the author and photographer whose wife's feathered friends have appeared in numerous films and on talk shows features parrots in elaborate costumes or reenacting scenes from famous movies. By the author of Prisoners and Sock Monkeys. 25,000 first printing.