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This scrapbook is a unique and joyful celebration of Victoriana. Neither a facsimile nor a reproduction, it is a collection of lush compositions that have been created out of exquisite cards, calendars, and other artwork from a century ago. Full color. Size D. (Art/Architecture)

My Personal Review:
Cynthia Hart seems to have a knack of editing exquisite titles about Victoriana. I bought this book recently together with her lovely Christmas edition: Joy to the World: A Victorian Christmas and both books cover their subject beautifully with some quite stunning visual goodies, all wrapped up with lovely page designs and printing.

The Victorian age was renowned for printed material that would now seem over-the-top with detail but this is why it looks so lovely and colorful. Open any page and you'll see a cornucopia of printed matter rich in pictorial and typographic detail and a heavy dose of sentimentality. All this was produced long before photography got involved in commercial art so artists would create extravagant graphics for companies eager to sell their wares.

The seven chapters look at anything that might be found in the average Victorian home, especially if it involved fashion, children, games and romance. I was fascinated in the chapter on gardening and horticulture, illustrated with a selection of flowers (and roses in particular) angels in gardens and succulent pictures of fruit.

The book obviously covers American Victoriana but there is an English book with the same title: Victorian Scrapbook (The Robert Opie Collection), edited by Robert Opie with over a thousand items from his packaging museum. The book has themed spreads (magazines, well-known brands, beauty products, die-cut scraps, toys and games, travel, royalty for example) all presented on large spreads which are fifteen inches deep. It's really an expanded British version of Hart's book.
If you like the delightful and sentimental whimsy of the Victorian age both books cover it perfectly.

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