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Like **Gawain** this is less a picture book than a book-with-pictures. Each double-spread reminded me of the next exhibit in a gallery - with an adjacent blow-up of the relevant catalogue-entry lest I got lost amongst the Unicorns and Gulons and Dragons and Salamanders. If the format sounds pedestrian, don't believe it. Every aspect of the book is a delight owing partly to the deadpan elegance of Alison Lurie's writing and partly to Monika Beisner's portraits, enamelled on the surface, intricately detailed beneath. As with their previous venture *The Heavenly Zoo* it's the sort of book that gets coffee-tables a good name and I don't say this from fear that they'll set their Mimick Dog on me, a creature that will 'tag after you, mocking your walk, gestures and conversation in such a comic manner that no one who sees it will be able to help laughing.' I'd rather face a Gryphon any day. Age level? Eight to eighty.

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