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"An hour, once it lodges in the queer element of the human spirit, may be stretched to fifty or a hundred times its clock length; on the other hand, an hour may be accurately represented on the timepiece of the mind by one second." —Virginia Woolf, Orlando: A Biography, 1928

About Time: Fashion and Duration traces the evolution of fashion, from 1870 to the present, through a linear timeline of iconic garments, each paired with an alternate design that jumps forward or backward in time. These unexpected pairings, which relate to one another through shape, motif, material, pattern, technique, or decoration, create a unique and disruptive fashion chronology that conflates notions of past, present, and future. Virginia Woolf serves as "ghost narrator": excerpts from her novels reflect on the passage of time with each subsequent plate pairing. A new short story by Michael Cunningham, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for The Hours, recounts a day in the life of a woman over a time span of 150 years through her changing fashions. Scholar Theodore Martin analyzes theoretical responses to the nature of time, underscoring that time is not simply a sequence of historical events. And fashion photographer Nicholas Alan Cope illustrates 120 fashions with sublime black and-white photography. This stunning book reveals fashion's paradoxical connection to linear notions of time.

DIOR

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Every Day Icon

First published to accompany an exhibition at the V&A, this book looks at the three main trends which are currently dominating international fashion: the arrival of the British superstar designers; the European conceptual, minimalist movement; and the influential Japanese designers.

Gucci

Among the most revered and beloved artworks in China are ceramics—sculptures and vessels that have been utilized to embellish tombs, homes, and studies, to drink tea and wine, and to convey social and cultural meanings such as good wishes and religious beliefs. Since the eighth century, Chinese ceramics, particularly porcelain, have played an influential role around the world as trade introduced their beauty and surpassing craft to countless artists in Europe, America, and elsewhere. Spanning five millennia, the Metropolitan Museum's

collection of Chinese ceramics represents a great diversity of materials, shapes, and subjects. The remarkable selections presented in this volume, which include both familiar examples and unusual ones, will acquaint readers with the prodigious accomplishments of Chinese ceramicists from Neolithic times to the modern era. As with previous books in the How to Read series, How to Read Chinese Ceramics elucidates the works to encourage deeper understanding and appreciation of the meaning of individual pieces and the culture in which they were created. From exquisite jars, bowls, bottles, and dishes to the elegantly sculpted Chan Patriarch Bodhidharma and the gorgeous Vase with Flowers of the Four Seasons, How to Read Chinese Ceramics is a captivating introduction to one of the greatest artistic traditions in Asian culture.

Alexander McQueen

This volume is a full-length study of Vivienne Westwood's work as a groundbreaking fashion designer. It seeks to convey the dynamism and impact of her ideas from the early punk years to her more recent collections.

Camp

A vivid history of fashion exhibitions that informs contemporary curating practices, from two experts in the field

Chanel

More than two decades ago, John Galliano and Alexander McQueen arrived on the fashions scene when the business was in an artistic and economic rut. Both wanted to revolutionize fashion in a way no one had in decades. They shook the establishment out of its bourgeois, minimalist stupor with daring, sexy designs. They turned out landmark collections in mesmerizing, theatrical shows that retailers and critics still gush about and designers continue to reference. Their approach to fashion was wildly different—Galliano began as an illustrator, McQueen as a Savile Row tailor. Galliano led the way with his sensual bias-cut gowns and his voluptuous hourglass tailoring, which he presented in romantic storybook-like settings. McQueen, though nearly ten years younger than Galliano, was a brilliant technician and a visionary artist who brought a new reality to fashion, as well as an otherworldly beauty. For his first official

collection at the tender age of twenty-three, McOueen did what few in fashion ever achieve: he invented a new silhouette, the Bumster. They had similar backgrounds: sensitive, shy gay men raised in tough London neighborhoods, their love of fashion nurtured by their doting mothers. Both struggled to get their businesses off the ground, despite early critical success. But by 1997, each had landed a job as creative director for couture houses owned by French tycoon Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH. Galliano's and McOueen's work for Dior and Givenchy and beyond not only influenced fashion; their distinct styles were also reflected across the media landscape. With their help, luxury fashion evolved from a clutch of small, family-owned businesses into a \$280 billion-a-year global corporate industry. Executives pushed the designers to meet increasingly rapid deadlines. For both Galliano and McOueen, the pace was unsustainable. In 2010, McOueen took his own life three weeks before his womens' wear show. The same week that Galliano was fired, Forbes named Arnault the fourth richest man in the world. Two months later, Kate Middleton wore a McOueen wedding gown, instantly making the house the world's most famous fashion brand, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art opened a wildly successful McQueen retrospective, cosponsored by the corporate owners of the McOueen brand. The corporations had won and the artists had lost. In her groundbreaking work Gods and Kings, acclaimed journalist Dana Thomas

tells the true story of McQueen and Galliano. In so doing, she reveals the revolution in high fashion in the last two decades—and the price it demanded of the very ones who saved it.

Alexander McQueen

A design aficionado's visual reference to some of the House of Chanel's most significant pieces explores five central themes, including the suit, the camellia, jewelry, makeup and perfume, and the little black dress, in a chronologically arranged tribute that reveals how key items have been rediscovered and reinvented by new designers.

Vivienne Westwood

"The first definitive biography of the iconic, notoriously private British fashion designer Alexander McQueen explores the connections between his dark work and even darker life. When forty-year-old Alexander McQueen committed suicide in February 2010, a shocked world mourned the loss. McQueen had risen from humble beginnings as the son of an East London taxi driver to scale the heights of fame, fortune, and glamour. He designed clothes for the world's most beautiful women

and royalty, most famously the Duchess of Cambridge, who wore a McOueen dress on her wedding day. He created a multimillion-dollar luxury brand that became a favorite with celebrities including Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell. But behind the confident facade and bad-boy image, lay a sensitive soul who struggled to survive in the ruthless world of fashion. As the pressures of work intensified, McOueen became increasingly dependent on the drugs that contributed to his tragic end. Meanwhile, in his private life, his failure to find lasting love in a string of boyfriends only added to his despair. And then there were the dark secrets that haunted his sleep A modern-day fairy tale infused with the darkness of a Greek tragedy, Alexander McOueen tells the complete sensational story, and includes never-before-seen photos. Those closest to the designer -- his family, friends, and lovers -- have spoken for the first time about the man they knew, a fragmented individual, a lost boy who battled to gain entry into a world that ultimately destroyed him. "There's blood beneath every layer of skin," McOueen once said. Andrew Wilson's biography, filled with groundbreaking material, dispels myths, corrects inaccuracies, and offers new insights into McOueen's private life and the source of his creative genius" --

Gods and Kings

For more than 20 years, the internationally acclaimed interior design magazine OBJEKT(c) International has shown us outstanding architecture, luxurious interiors, and artistic masterpieces. Now this visually stimulating reference for designers, homeowners, and art collectors is also available as an impressive coffee table book. Alongside diverse interiors from all over the world, the owners and their personal stories are also taken into focus. OBJEKT(c) International's founder, Hans Fonk, has a knack for keeping up on the latest developments in design, art, and architecture and photographing and presenting the material in an appealing manner--making this opulent book a must-have for any design enthusiast

The Sixties

Christian Dior (1905-1957) rocketed to fame with his first collection in 1947 when the "New Look" took the world by storm. This charming and modest autobiography gives a fascinating and detailed insight into the workings of a great fashion house, while revealing the private man behind the high-profile establishment. It is also a unique portrait of classic Paris haute couture of the 1950s and offers a rare glimpse behind the scenes. Dior details his childhood in Granville, the family

and friends closest to him, his most difficult years and sudden success, as well as his sources of inspiration and creative processes.

About Time

"Indeed, the essence of Camp is its love of the unnatural: of artifice and exaggeration." -Susan Sontag, 1964 Although an elusive concept, "camp" can be found in most forms of artistic expression, revealing itself to be a complex aesthetic that challenges the status quo. As an expression of the playful dynamics between high art and popular culture, fashion both embraces and flaunts such camp modes as irony, humor, parody, pastiche, artifice, theatricality, and exaggeration. Drawing from Susan Sontag's seminal 1964 essay "Notes on 'Camp'," this multifaceted publication presents the sartorial manifestations of the camp sensibility while contributing new theoretical and conceptual insights to the camp canon through texts and images. Stunning new photography by Johnny Dufort highlights works by exceptional fashion designers including Thom Browne, John Galliano, Jean Paul Gaultier, Marc Jacobs, Karl Lagerfeld, Alessandro Michele, Franco Moschino, Yves Saint Laurent, Jeremy Scott, Anna Sui, Gianni Versace, and Vivienne Westwood.

Dior by Dior

A series of photographs depicting the creation of Alexander McQueen's autumn/winter 2008 collection.

Objekt international

California Condors, Boris Karloff as Frankenstein, Japanese horror films, and Gordon Matta-Clark have served as some of the various influences that make up the daring world of Rodarte. In only five years, Rodarte has upended the fashion scene, bringing Kate and Laura Mulleavy, the designers behind Rodarte, to the forefront of the discussion about contemporary design and visual culture. This is the first publication to examine the fashion design work and conceptual world of Rodarte and is created in collaboration with two of the art world's most sought-after and highly acclaimed photographers, Catherine Opie and Alec Soth. Each photographer, in collaboration with Kate and Laura Mulleavy, has developed an entirely new body of work specifically for the book, examining various facets of Rodarte's creative spectrum. Kate and Laura, who live and work between downtown Los Angeles and Pasadena, California, have consistently brought their

love of nature, film, art, and science to bear in their unconventional and exquisitely crafted collections for Rodarte. An additional 16-pages inlay with John Kelsey's essay is inserted in the book. Designed by Patrick Li of Li Inc.

Louis Vuitton: The Birth of Modern Luxury Updated Edition

Catalogus bij een tentoonstelling over typisch Engelse symbolen die terugkomen in hedendaagse Britse mode.

Alexander McQueen

Features garments made by the designer throughout his career, accompanied by quotes from the designer, an essay about his fashion career, and an interview with his long-time design assistant.

Alexander McQueen

Art Deco—the term conjures up jewels by Van Cleef & Arpels, glassware by Laique, furniture by Ruhlmann—is best exemplified in the work shown at the exhibition that gave the style its name: the Exposition

Internationale des Art Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes, held in Paris in 1925. The exquisite craftsmanship and artistry of the objects displayed spoke to a sophisticated modernity yet were rooted in past traditions. Although it quickly spread to other countries, Art Deco found its most coherent expression in France, where a rich cultural heritage was embraced as the impetus for creating something new. the style drew on inspirations as diverse as fashion, avant-garde trends in the fine arts-such as Cubism and Fauvism-and a taste for the exotic, all of which converged in exceptionally luxurious and innovative objects. While the practice of Art Deco ended with the Second World War, interest in it has not only endured to the present day but has grown steadily. Based on the Metropolitan Museum's renowned collection French Art Deco presents more than eighty masterpieces by forty-two designers. Examples include Süe et Mare's furniture from the 1925 Exposition; Dufy's Cubist-inspired textiles; Dunand's lacquered bedroom suite; Dupas's monumental glass wall panels from the SS Normandie; and Fouquet's spectacular dress ornament in the shape of a Chinese mask. Jared Goss's engaging text includes a discussion of each object together with a biography of the designer who created it and is enlivened by generous quotations from writings of the period. The extensive introduction provides historical context and explores the origins and aesthetic of Art Deco. With its rich text

and sumptuous photographs, this is not only one of the rare books on French Art Deco in English, but an object d'art in its own right.

The Model as Muse

Shaun Leane (b. 1969), world-famous for his collaboration with Alexander McQueen, is one of the most outstanding jewellery designers of the present day. His pieces oscillate between fragile beauty and fearless audacity. With catwalk photos and exclusive backstage shots, with fashion shots and object details, the book follows in the footsteps of an extravagant designer who knows how to continually expand the boundaries of wearability. Renowned authors devote themselves to Leane's training and heritage, his incomparable ability to combine jewellery and fashion, and finally to his commercially successful serial production. Shaun Leane's work is a treat for all lovers of haute couture and contemporary jewelry design!

Shaun Leane

Yves Saint Laurent Icons of Fashion Design, acclaimed by the critics as an intoxicating book remains the most attractive homage to the

uncrowned king of haute couture. Pictures taken by the world's leading fashion photographers trace the success of Saint Laurent's designs, which, since conquering the fashion world five decades ago, have caused sensation after sensation each year. The book also constitutes a high-quality review of fashion photography over a period of forty years, collecting 135 YSL dresses in images created by fashion photography's greatest 20th century heroes. Yves Saint Laurent was equipped with an infallible instinct for reading the aesthetic signs of the times, and this enabled him to have a profound effect on fashion in the second half of the 20th century.

United States

Alexander McQueen

The autobiography of Mary Quant--the inventor of the miniskirt--was originally published in 1966 at the height of Swinging London. After opening her groundbreaking boutique Bazaar on London's King's Road in 1955, Quant soared to international fame with her brand of witty style that fitted perfectly with modern city life. She was at the forefront

of fashion's democratization--seeking to eliminate snobbery and "make fashionable clothes available to everyone." Her joyful, evocative autobiography captures the world in which she found inspiration--and which she ultimately helped to define and change.

Fashion at the Edge

Includes bibliographical references (p. 380-382).

Alexander McQueen

London 1996: Alexander McQueen took over the Hawksmoor masterpiece Christ Church in London's East End for what was quite possibly the greatest fashion show on Earth. A candle-lit, cruciform catwalk with a backdrop of stained-glass windows set the tone for an extraordinary collection. Lace sat against chiffon and rubbed shoulders with couture and club-culture clothing and digital print. Dante was the seminal collection that would resonate throughout Alexander McQueen's career. This book features unique photographs shot behind the scenes, with raw, unseen pictures of the designer, models and clothes. The fashion creatives who worked with McOueen to make the show such a success

recall this pivotal time in the designer's career and reflect on what made Dante truly groundbreaking. Newly created imagery of clothes shown on the catwalk gives an insight into why this collection was so special.

Alexander McQueen

Published in conjunction with the exhibition of the same name on view at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, Ma6 4-July 31, 2011.

Orientalism

Published in conjunction with the exhibition of the same name held at The Metropolitan Museum of Art during the first quarter of 1995. The authors (both curators at The Costume Institute) explore the West's fascination with ideas and motifs from the various Easts, and demonstrate the expression of t

Alexander McQueen

The Dutch photographer Dana Lixenberg takes a direct and nonconceptual

approach to photography. Her eye is nonjudgmental, and all her subjects, however varied, are treated with the same gaze. This volume presents her work from the 1990s in the United States. Homeless people, celebrities, residents of a public housing project- all are treated equally before Dana Lixenberg's lens.

How to Read Chinese Ceramics

Quant by Quant

Evaluates the First Lady's emergence as a style icon and her growing influence on a changing American understanding of etiquette and femininity, in an illustrated account that also tours the cultural contributions of previous First Ladies. 60,000 first printing.

National Geographic Simply Beautiful Photographs

Includes photographs by Annie Griffiths and other National Geographic photographers.

AngloMania

From Jack the Ripper Stalks His Victims, his 1992 graduate collection, to Plato's Atlantis, the last show before his death in 2010, Lee Alexander McQueen was as celebrated for the exquisite tailoring, meticulous craftsmanship, and stunning originality of his designs as he was notorious for his theatrical—and often controversial—runway shows. McQueen found inspiration for his avant-garde collections everywhere: his Scottish ancestry, Alfred Hitchcock movies, Yoruba mythology, the destruction of the environment-even the fashion industry itself. Whatever his inspiration, however, McQueen's concept for his runway show came first and was crucial to the development of the collection. Every show had a narrative and was staged with his characteristic dramatic flair. Highland Rape featured disheveled models smeared with "blood" staggering down the runway in town clothes. In Scanners, two robots sprayed paint on a model trapped on a spinning platform. In Widows of Culloden, a hologram of supermodel Kate Moss held center stage. Other McQueen shows staged models walking through water, drifting snowflakes, rain, and wind tunnels; poledancing in garish makeup at a carnival, playing living pieces in a bizarre chess game, and performing with trained dancers in a Depression-era-style marathon. Illustrated throughout with stunning

photography and liberally sprinkled with quotations from McQueen and those who knew him best, Alexander McQueen: Evolution is the story of the designer's thirty-five runway shows and the genius behind them.

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"Model as Muse" explores fashion's reciprocal relationship to iconic beauties that represent the evolution and changing face of the feminine ideal. Featuring a brief historical overview of the phenomenon of the supermodel, the book begins in the early 20th century and continues to the present day. Dorian Leigh and Lisa Fonssagrives in the 1940s are joined in the 1950s by Dovima, Sunny Harnett, and Suzy Parker. They are followed by Jean "The Shrimp" Shrimpton and Twiggy in the 1960s and Lauren Hutton in the 1970s. The 1980s witnessed such enduring personalities as Cindy Crawford, Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, and Linda Evangelista, while the 1990s brought on Kate Moss, whose edgy, street-inflected style has inspired not only fashion designers, editors, stylists, and photographers, but artists such as Chuck Close and Lucien Freud. With an emphasis on styles from the 1950s onward, the book features designs from the great ready-to-wear and couture houses--Madame Gres, Christian Dior, and Balenciaga in the 1950s; Rudi Gernreich, Yves Saint Laurent, and

Cardin in the 1960s; Giorgio di Sant'Angelo and Halston in the 1970s; Christian Lacroix, Versace, Comme des Garcons, and Calvin Klein in the 1980s; and Marc Jacobs, John Galliano, and Alexander McQueen in the 1990s.

French Art Deco

The exhibition format, as both space and medium, has developed as a site for pragmatic, interdisciplinary experiments of the performative. The North-American fashion exhibition Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty (2011 and 2015) proved to be a significant case study of this cultural phenomenon materializing through curatorial and exhibition-making practices. At the intersection of a legacy of theatrical aesthetic and new museological and technological possibilities taking shape in the 2010s, the multi-layered blockbuster emerges from the tensions raised by its investment in the materiality of performance, its deep entrenchment in consumer culture, and its memento mori scheme. As a substantial entry point to the study of a museology of the performative, Savage Beauty is analysed throughout this thesis for its relation to the experience, as both subject matter, displayed 2object3 and product of consumption. I discuss the translation of one medium into another taking shape through the retrospective: the way in which

the institution transposes the fashion show into the format of an exhibition. At once a response to the history of fashion curating, this thesis intends to examine the issues conveyed by the politics of embodiment in the fashion exhibition system via a focus on the specificities of Savage Beauty, observed through the lenses of the experiential, performativity, and theatricality.

Radical Fashion

A stunning and comprehensive overview of the legendary house of Dior, from its founding in 1947 to today, featuring over 170 collections presented through original catwalk photography"

Inferno

The first in depth portrait of one of the world's best known luxury brands, this elegant volume traces the remarkable history of the House of Vuitton, which has been making practical but stylish luggage, handbags and accessories for more than 150 years. Written with full access to the company's archives, the book itself demonstrates Louis Vuitton's passion for fine design with a stunning array of archival

art, historical images, product designs and sketches, and cutting edge advertising. The book explores the company's tradition of quality and innovation in the context of sweeping changes in society, art, culture, fashion and, above all, travel. Examining the life and times of the company's first three leaders; founder Louis (who invented the modern trunk), his son Georges and his grandson Gaston, the text focuses on the firm's development under their guidance. It also discusses Vuitton's explosive growth toward the end of the 20th century, including the 1987 merger with Moet Hennessy that made it part of LVMH, the world's largest luxury goods company and spurred the expansion of its boutiques to more than 300 locations in 50 countries around the globe.

Exhibiting Fashion

This tribute to Alexander McQueen (1969-2010) celebrates the genius of an iconic, imaginative and inspirational fashion designer with a catalog of more than 125 catwalk photographs of his work, commentary from an experienced fashion journalist and tributes and quotes from prominent people in the fashion world.

Yves Saint Laurent

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Savage Beauty, Savage Royalty

Caroline Evans analyses the work of experimental designers, the images of fashion photographers, and the spectacular fashion shows that developed in the final decade of the twentieth century to arrive at a new understanding of fashion's dark side and what it signifies? Drawing on a variety of literary and theoretical perspectives - from Marx to Benjamin - Evans argues that fashion plays a leading role in constructing images and meanings during periods of rapid change. She shows persuasively that fashion stands at the very centre of the contemporary, where it voices some of Western culture's deepest concerns.

Rodarte, Catherine Opie, Alec Soth

An intimate and revealing look at the personal and professional life of the fashion world's most visionary designer. This incredible volume

strips away the layers of legend surrounding Alexander McOueen, revealing the sartorial genius and the true history of the man who reinvented modern fashion. Uncovering new details about Lee Alexander McOueen's humble childhood in East London, author Judith Watt traces the young designer's ascent-from his graduate collection at Central Saint Martins School of Art and Design to his over-the-top runway shows to the designs he created just days before his death at age forty. Providing new insights into the dark passion and inspiration that guided each fever-pitched runway show, this fully illustrated portrait delivers a truly comprehensive, in-depth look at the most provocative designer of a generation. Illustrated throughout with McOueen's personal drawings and ephemera as well as a mixture of exquisite catwalk and editorial fashion images, Alexander McOueen: The Life and the Legacy is every bit as stunning as the designer himself. With more than 175 full-color photographs

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