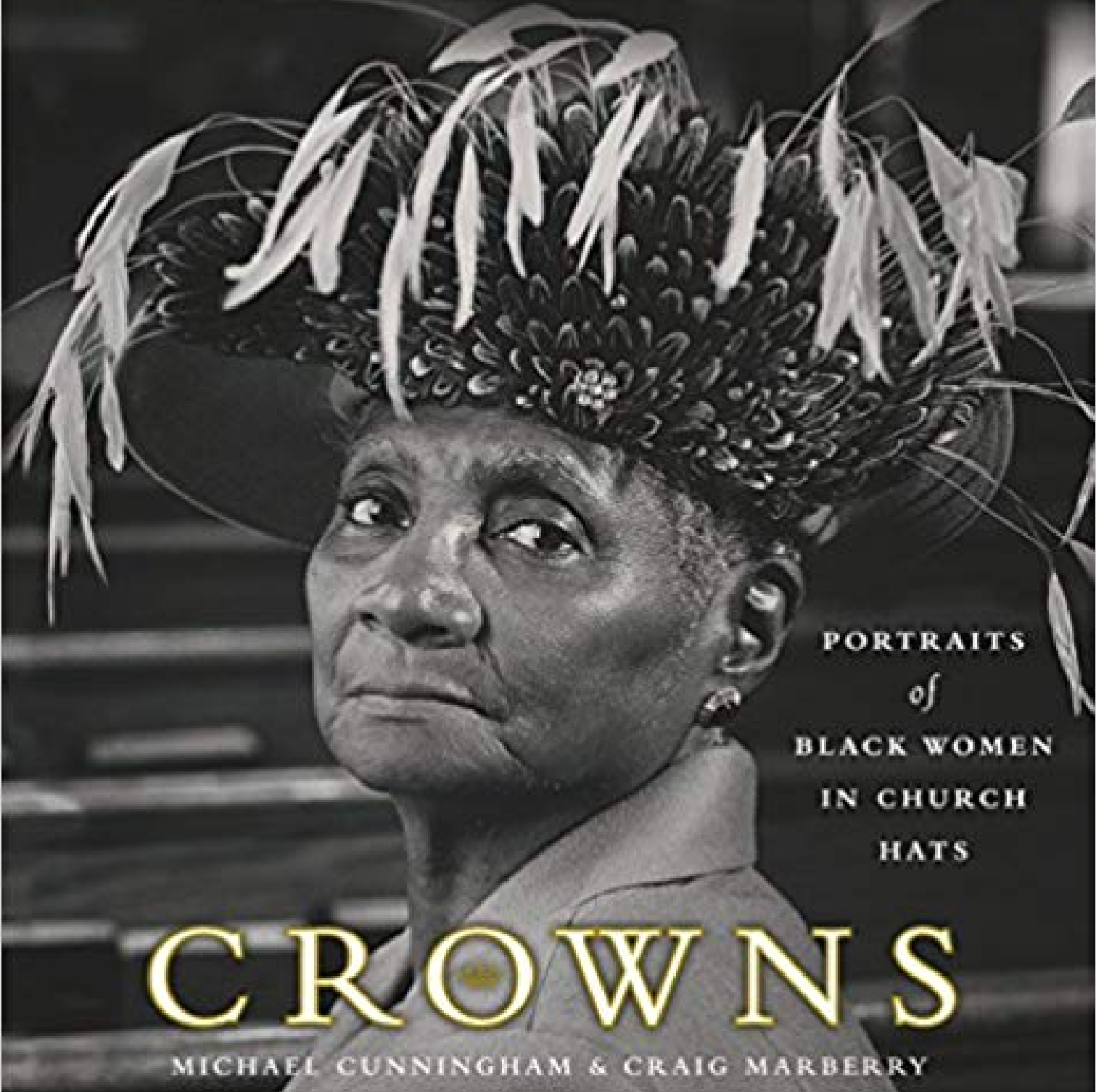


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# CROWNS

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## **Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats**



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Countless black women would prefer to attend church naked than hatless. For these females, a church hat, flamboyant as it may be, is usually no mere fashion accessory; it's a cherished African American custom, 1 observed with boundless passion by black females of various religious denominations. " Photographer Michael Cunningham beautifully captures the self-expressions of women of all ages-from young glamorous ladies to serene but stylish grandmothers.It's what Deirdre Guion calls " There's something particular about you...there's a bit more strut in your carriage when you wear a nice hat.hattitude. A woman's hat speaks a long time before its wearer utters a phrase. If a hat says a whole lot about a person, it says even more in regards to a people-the customs they observe, the symbols they prize, and the fashions they fancy. Together they've captured a captivating custom, this putting on of church hats, a peculiar convergence of faith and fashion that maintains the Sabbath both holy and glamorous. Award-earning journalist Craig Marberry has an intimate look at the women and their lives.



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A charming reserve of charming ladies with attitude and hats to complement I would have trained with a 5-star ranking if there have been at least a couple of photos in color. How I would have liked to have observed that fantastic hat on the cover in color! She got a whole lot of compliments. I seldom observe anyone my age or youthful wearing a hat currently and I miss them. However the Black women in this publication have both wonderful faces and amazing hats and interesting tales about their hats.. Lovely ladies and the hats they use. Probably. They might be underpaid food assistance workers or they might be wives of regional wealthy men -- who understands? Who cares? Who can inform by searching? All I could tell is definitely that the ladies I see are proud of how they look plus they carry themselves accordingly.. I recommend this reserve to anyone who enjoys photos of stories of ordinary individuals who like themselves and show it in these unique pieces of apparel. We've a rich and gorgeous heritage that should always shine shiny in the way that this publication allows it to. More capacity to them. And their hats. This book is indeed wonderfully compiled. Their beautiful Hats I LOVE this book and the wonderful pictures of the females wearing their best hats. I simply wish it wasn't black and white photos. The short short stories they tell just make me need to know a bit more about all of them. Are some of them poor? She was very pleased with the purchase.! I hope generations to come maintain that tradition. Evokes much discussion, laughter, and discussion. I browse it cover to cover and can't stop going back to each one of the women's faces to ponder how their lives intersect with mine. This is a perfect piece to keep in my home for my children to finger through and have questions--then their children and their children's kids to accomplish the same. I utilized to put on hats, fifty years back, but never once did I've the sense of pride in my appearance that these women appear to have. Ideal pictorial for a coffee table to display stand. It is an excellent book to read many times over. I Love Hats! So rich with tradition and tradition I bought this book within my analysis for a role in the play Crowns: a Gospel Musical by Regina Taylor. Five Stars A wonderful, powerful look at an essential custom. I purchased this book as a door prize for my 90+ season old Aunt/Cousin who adores hats.. Wonderful Beautiful book on one of the best subjects- HATS! The voices behind each woman's tale speak through so clearly to my heart. That is an incredible book for all ladies (whether you wear hats or not) Great book with plenty of photos I purchased this publication for a friend.. She cut out a few of the web pages and made an awesome poster with them. I am not a female of color, but I am a female of the era who wore hats. She said there is a whole lot of helpful information and issues she didn't know. I wish I could pull it off like they perform, but alas, I don't own any "church" hats. The product packaging, condition and arrival time were all great. I sponsor a "Fancy Hat" Literary Luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, FL almost every other year on Memorial Time weekend..! I had simply seen the play "Hats" when I came across this book.. She certainly treasured it! I was sorry to need to give it away! I bought it as something special for my best friend. Beautiful book, with an unbelievable narrative. The crowns in this publication are impressive. The ladies are stately. The books name is normally revealing and the queens within these pages can make you smile and perhaps shed a tear or two for instances past.. It really is a mighty testament to enough time when women wore hats everywhere. Four Stars i wish to find a lot more Photos ... Inspiring!. "Crowns" was an excellent follow-up to the perform. I always smile when driving past a Dark church on Sunday morning hours because the most the ladies are putting on hats and so are all dressed up. I also purchased one for myself, as I really like hats aswell. as we thought that each page is a photo web page. She found it very helpful in setting up a lesson she would present in her church during a "Ladies in Hats" special event.. They possess the same sort of lifted-chin self-self-confidence of the ladies in this book. Wonderful!.



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