

# THE HISTORY OF UNDERCLOTHES



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The History of Underclothes (Dover Fashion and Costumes)



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". . . useful garments with a utilitarian function or body coverings that serve an erotic purpose? . . . enjoyable humour. .In a well-documented, profusely illustrated volume combining impressive scholarship with an amusing, often humorous style, two distinguished clothing historians consider undergarments worn by the English in the last 600 years. much amusing detail and ." — Beginning with the Middle Ages, the authors cover centuries of clothes history, like the Tudor period, the Restoration, the Victorian and Edwardian eras, and the twentieth hundred years up to the eve of Globe War II. thoroughness & most amazing scholarship . As this interesting and intelligently written research shows, the function played by underclothing during the last many centuries is a varied one. . The Times Literary Product (London)Underwear — Drawing on extensive, study, the Cunningtons illuminate the function and function of underwear: it secured the wearer against the components, supported costume shapes, served as an erotic stimulus, symbolized course distinctions, and fulfilled various other social, sanitary, and financial functions. Enhancing the detailed, extensive text are more than 100 period illustrations and photographs depicting a laced-up bodice of the twelfth century, embroidered linen drawers of the sixteenth century, a hooped petticoat support in bentwood (c. A bibliography, appendix, and index complete a valuable reference work that will appeal to outfit historians, sociologists, and additional readers. 1750), footed lengthy drawers (1795), nineteenth-century bustles, early nineteenth-hundred years corsets for males, "Frillies for the Small Lady" (1939), plus much more.



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A surprisingly excellent romp - After all, read! Entertaining and informative That is a charmingly written and informative history of underwear, and it proves its point: that underclothes are an important section of the history of fashion. It's very detailed but not just gives the details of clothing and materials, but also provides some traditional and sociological background to each piece of undergarments over the centuries. Five Stars My niece is happy about this book. I had returned the book. Don't assume this is a light treatment of undergarments or style history - this book isn't only full of very pertinent and interesting information (along with excerpts from letters, home accounts, speeches, etc. What did they use under their clothes throughout history? Not what I had expected Had bought a paperback addition and was very disappointed: all of the photographs and images are only dark and withe. No patterns of the sort. Superb resource for costume research This is an excellent sourcebook for research. I couldn't put it down so when I shared it with some close friends, they were FULL of questions and interest in the topic matter! Great reference for writers Very educational book of underclothes throughout background. Photos of the actual items, or modern depictions are in the written text. Is in reasonable condition. If you are a writer and you intend to undress your heroes, this is the reserve to have. The text was disappointing as well, not much of explanation about the garments featured.), but it is also well written. There is a lot of history on the undergarments and less on how best to design the items. I'm using a reference guideline as I write a novel occur the medieval situations. My only criticism, and it is not enough to make me remove a superstar, is that this is usually a facsimile reissue of a mature book, and the text and some of the photos are dark or challenging to examine/see. I would suggest this for anyone researching historical costumes. This book is FASCINATING. I did so sometimes find myself getting dropped in the details and could have appreciated even more schematic illustrations. But in the entire, I recommend it to anyone interested in fashion history. Underclothes History Described We haven't finished this reserve yet but it is very done well and I've greatly enjoyed it. Five Stars Nice book. Some photos are therefore dark that one may barely see what is on the picture. Some parts perform have pictures to reference. The Cunnington's did a fantastic work in presenting this history. Good buy. good book This is a good book however, not quite what I expected. Notice: 'Underclothes' in this publication means the garments that lay beneath, say, a doublet or a coat (we contact them 'jackets' now). Given what is available in this section it's a well constructed book demonstrating the annals of vintage undergarments. Five Stars :) Five Stars Fast delivery, just as described! Ehh So I haven't had a complete chance to sit back and read it nonetheless it seems that it will have more of this is what they wore if you are looking for that. Great! Great reference book! It's a bit voyeuristic without being erotic if that makes sense!



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