

## Karen Kramer and

Native Fashion Now: North American Indian Style



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Mainstream American fashion has always been influenced by Native American style, and that's because Native artists have usually created exquisite clothing, jewelry, and add-ons of their very own. Celebrating Native American design as a significant force in the world of contemporary trend, this book features beautiful, innovative, and surprising appears from Native American performers. But it's only recently that Native designers themselves have got started to break into the style market in a big way. Withexamples that range from haute couture to informal streetwear, from evening gowns to beaded boot styles, and from skateboards toumbrellas, Native Fashion Right now demonstrates the extraordinaryrange and talent of designers who honor important culturaltraditions while creating breathtaking of-the-moment fashion. Divided into sections based on the designers' personal designs, the book showcases the task of dozens of fashion designers, from Virgil Ortiz to Patricia Michaels to Jamie Okuma. The bookeven carries a few Nativeinfluenced pieces by non-Nativedesigners like Isaac Mizrahi and Ralph Lauren. Native FashionNow designers possess dressed presidents' wives and beenfinalists on Project Runway, sold their work all over the world, and noticed it acquired by museums and personal collectors. Current Native fashion can be both wearable and gorgeous and, as this quantity reveals, increasingly fashion-forward.



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Nicely illustrated and lots of information. Five Stars Terrific book of a good show.



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