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Great Reference! Needless to say, many decades have elapsed since the publication of the book. You will want to cross-reference its contents from what you can discover on the internet today. Google can be an invaluable way to obtain illustrations and advice! Different garments are illustrated from the back as well as from the front, along with their underpinnings. There are color plates that display actual people putting on the garments becoming illustrated. I purchased this publication to use mainly because a reference to make historical outfits for doll figures, nonetheless it wasn't simply because useful as I idea it could be. The problem may be the Kindle formatting - it simply doesn't translate well onto a mobile format. The text is concise but extremely informative. Very little images this is more of a book to learn about fashion with not enough images. (I've had it thought to me that you have to head to an upholstery shop to find equivalents of the damasks, brocades, and the like.) In conclusion, I can express that with some historical attire, you are lucky to get any patterns as a guide at all! Being a good seamstress/tailor, or having such a craftsperson working for you can help in piecing together the accurate outfit that you want. Great for outfit designers and historical minded people. Definitely an excellent reference for outfit design and simply general curiosity of what folks wore. Has many patterns and manuals for how exactly to actually make stuff. Wonderful quick historic reference. History of Costume -- a book of which to start This book contains some basic lay-outs for historical clothing, from ancient Egypt up to the 1860s and 1870s. This book is based partly on Racinet's "Le Costume Historique," one of the first encyclopedic reviews of costumes worn through the entire ages and all over the world. this book includes other sources aswell. Nowadays, the major design companies -- Butterick, Simplicity, Vogue, among others -- have whole parts of patterns for historical attire, from he 1870s completely back to ancient Egypt. I especially appreciate the comprehensive Glossary. Publication is interesting - formatting not great The book has a lot of really great information in it, though the text is very very dry and clinical. You can't judge a book by its cover...that was in color! Real clothes from museums are included aswell. Although it includes photos and illustrations, most of the book is text message. The photos are dark and white stills of ancient artwork and artifacts depicting historical garments, and people dressed in costume reproductions; Five Stars Unparalleled. I enjoyed this book a lot I enjoyed this book a whole lot, and have found a lot of the details helpful. many thanks. Except where mentioned, no hint of colors received for even the most frequent garments of a particular era. A few colored illustrations throughout would have broken up the monotony of the written descriptions. For me, the largest shortcoming of the book was that the nationalities I was interested in were not included. To conclude, this book isn't as complete since it could have been and should only be considered a last resort when researching a specific historical costume. Highly recommend! We rent out costumes to local community groups. Fast shipping. The colored renderings certainly are a perfect reference to catch the time reference. The publication also contains drawings of patterns for recreating some of the costumes. Some of it must be taken with a grain of salt, but for its time, this is a good reserve. I really enjoy reading historical fiction and biographies, therefore this is a very useful reference in assisting me imagine what the individuals are wearing. Hairstyles are nicely represented. Locating the fabrics is going to be an even greater challenge than piecing together a workable design. From the cover and considering that it's a Dover publication, I was expecting more images. many of the photos are not clear and so are very dark. Five Stars An excellent Dover publication. Five Stars Great book Five Stars Excellent seller, just what I wanted. Often what they describe with regards to the period period doesn't match up to what they are envisioning. I found these a bit hard to decipher, although what realy works on a full-size person doesn't always work for a doll since one must always be familiar with scale and strive to avoid the mass created by way too many layers of fabric. Five Stars Fantastic book.



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