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BLACK WOMEN
IN CHURCH
HATS

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Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats



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



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But the Black ladies in this publication have both great faces and great hats and interesting tales about their hats. How I would have loved to have observed that fantastic hat on the cover in color! I am not a girl of color, but I am a woman of the generation who wore hats. I rarely discover anyone my age group or young wearing a hat currently and I miss them. A charming reserve of charming ladies with attitude and hats to match I would have given it a 5-star rating if there have been at least several pictures in color. The crowns in this book are impressive. Are a few of them poor? Probably.. I recommend this publication to anyone who enjoys images of stories of normal people who like themselves and display it in these special pieces of apparel. "Crowns" was a great follow-up to the play. All I can tell is normally that the ladies I see are pleased with how they look and they carry themselves accordingly.. Who cares? That is an ideal piece to retain in my home for my kids to finger through and ask questions--then their kids and their children's children to accomplish the same. More capacity to them. Lovely females and the hats they wear. I hope generations to come keep that tradition. Their beautiful Hats I LOVE this publication and the wonderful pictures of the ladies wearing their best hats. I just wish it wasn't black and white photos. The short short tales they tell only make me want to know a bit more about all of them. And their hats. I wish I could draw it off like they do, but alas, I don't personal any "church" hats.. This book is so wonderfully compiled. The voices behind each woman's tale speak through so obviously to my center. I browse it cover to cover and can't stop going back to each of the women's faces to ponder how their lives intersect with mine. I used to wear hats, fifty years back, but by no means once did I've the sense of satisfaction in my appearance that these women appear to have. We have a rich and beautiful heritage that should always shine bright in the way that book allows it to. Wonderful Beautiful book on one of the best subjects- HATS! I had just seen the play "Hats" when I found this book. I Love Hats!! I host a "Fancy Hat" Literary Luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, FL every other calendar year on Memorial Time weekend. I purchased this reserve as a door prize for my 90+ year old Aunt/Cousin who loves hats. I also purchased one for myself, as I really like hats as well. Perfect pictorial for a coffee table to display stand. Evokes much conversation, laughter, and discussion. Four Stars i would like to find a lot more Photos . She discovered it very helpful in setting up a lesson she was going to within her church during a "Ladies in Hats" celebration. She cut out some of the webpages and made an awesome poster with them. She got a lot of compliments... The packaging, condition and arrival period were all great. Five Stars An excellent, powerful look at an essential tradition. Wonderful!! The books title is normally revealing and the queens within these web pages can make you smile and perhaps shed a tear or two for moments past. Who can tell by looking? I purchased it as a gift for my companion. I was sorry to have to give it away! She definitely loved it! Inspiring! I always smile when driving past a Black church on Sunday morning hours because the majority of the ladies are putting on hats and are all dressed up. The ladies are stately. It is an excellent publication to learn many times over. It is a mighty testament to enough time when girls wore hats everywhere. Gorgeous book, with an incredible narrative. This is an incredible book for all ladies (whether you wear hats or not) Great book with lots of photos I purchased this book for a friend. She was happy with the buy. as we thought that all page is a photo page.. So rich with culture and tradition I bought this book as part of my study for a role in the play Crowns: a Gospel Musical by Regina Taylor..... They may be underpaid food assistance workers or they may be wives of regional wealthy guys -- who knows?. She stated there was lots of helpful details and issues she didn't understand.. They will have the same sort of lifted-chin self-confidence of the women in this book.



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