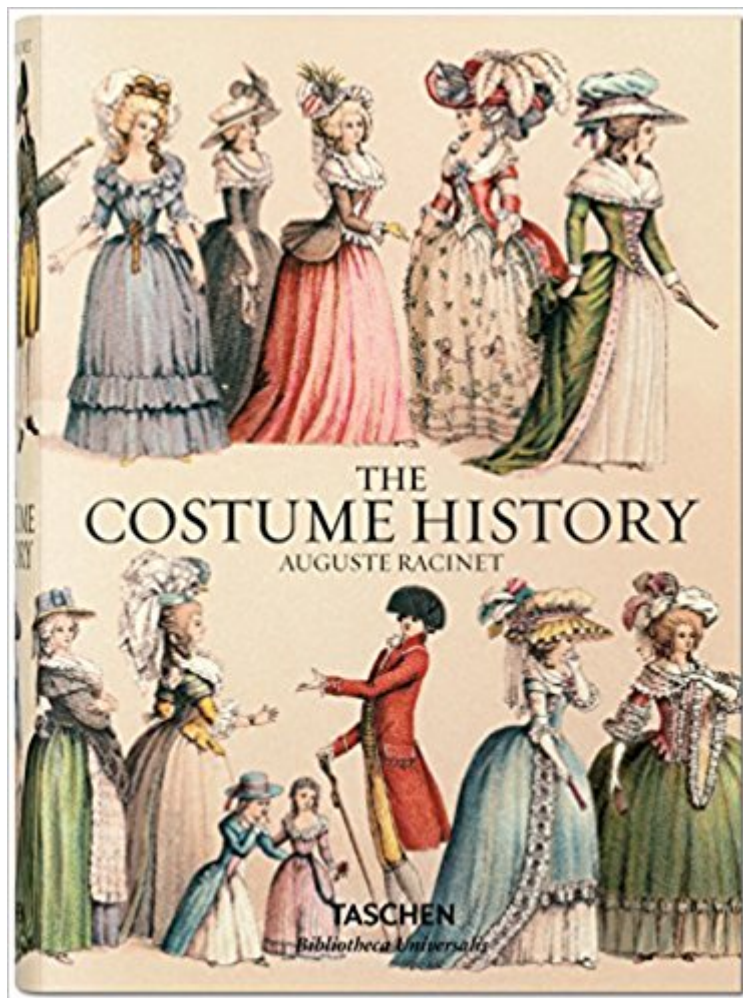


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# Racinet: The Costume History



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an accessible, elaborate visual history of all the weird, uncomfortable clothes people thought

looked good, from massive, powdered wigs to feathered war helmets. Contemporary artists, designers, illustrators, and historians will find no shortage of inspiration in its pages.â •  
(Hyperallergic.com)

Françoise Târt-Vittu studied art history at the Sorbonne and specialized in the costume history of the 18th and 19th centuries. For many years she was head of the graphic arts department and curator at the Musée Galliera, Musée de la Mode et du Costume de la Ville de Paris. She is author of many books on costume history.

So many amazing images! Well organized and easy to follow if you're researching authentic looks from various periods. Also nice to have an affordable option to Racinet art. Would be nicer if it were in a slightly larger page size.

A very broad and general look at clothing worn on every continent since the dawning of time. Hundreds of pictures, but unfortunately, the majority of them are too tiny to be of much use. Poor layout, and without an index it is virtually impossible to find what you're looking for IF it's even contained within the pages of this book in the first place. If you're looking for specific, detailed information on fashion from a particular time/country this is not the book for you.

Great Taschen book A+++ transaction

Good for simple research.

A classic reference

beautiful

A historical joy ride.

Plates are wonderfully reproduced. I have no idea how Taschen stays in business. Always high quality printing. The only issue is that the footnotes volume seems to be abridged, which makes it difficult to tell what you are looking at. A representative sample comment would be: "feather hat, charo, Barbote, botoque, nimator. Ear ornament..." If you know enough to identify each of those

items by name alone, you don't really need this book, do you?

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