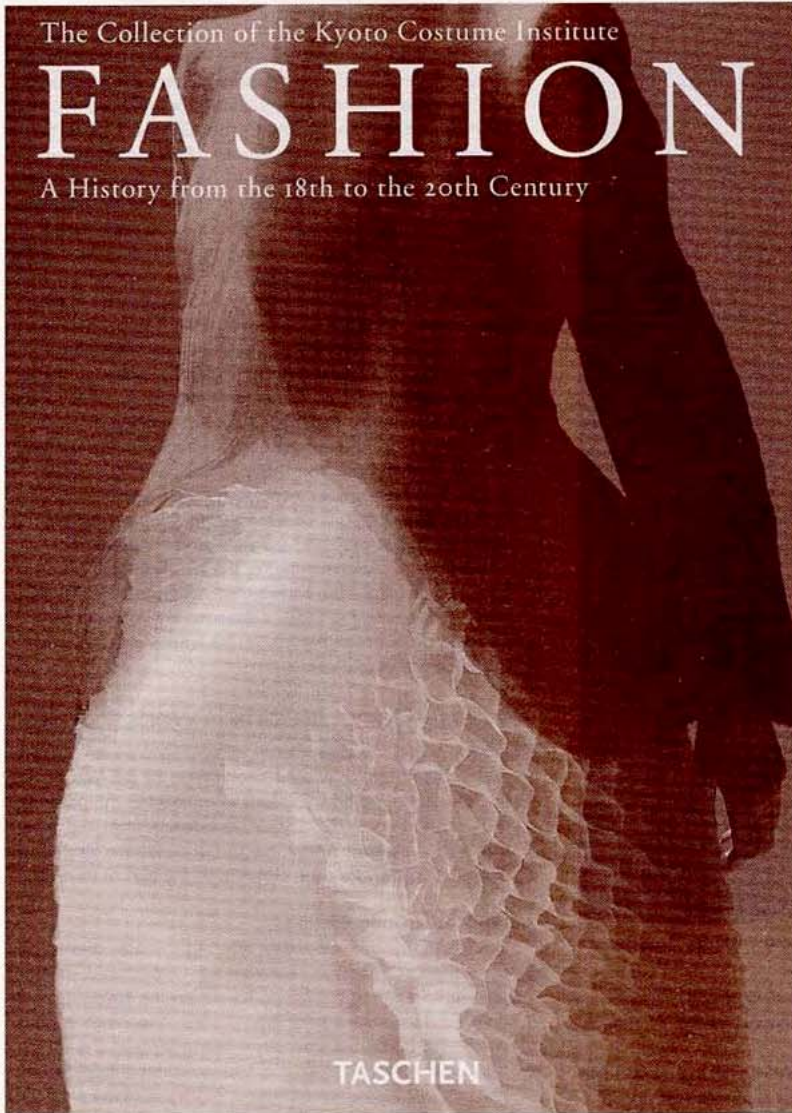




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FASHION

A HISTORY FROM THE 18TH TO THE 20TH CENTURY (TASCHEN)

The Collection of the Kyoto Costume Institute

The clothes you wear speak volumes about the kind of person you are. Anyone wearing loud colors is usually considered confident, outgoing and perhaps even a touch arrogant for his or her own good. In contrast your average salaryman sits at the other end of the scale, the epitome of conservatism. In between these opposite ends of the spectrum are an infinite number of styles, all manifestations of an individual's culture, class, personality and even religion. But this is hardly a recent phenomenon. In fact, it has been this way for centuries, ever since our first forefathers decided that going au naturel was oh so "last season." And that's where this book comes in. *Fashion: A History from the 18th to the 20th Century* consists of 500 stunning photographs of items of clothing selected from the extensive collections at the Kyoto Costume Institute. From rare treasures such as a 17th-century iron corset with embroidered bodice to modern outfits by designers such as Yves Saint Laurent and Calvin Klein, the book traces the evolution of women's fashion and offers a glimpse at what the future might bring. It's an illustrated bible for any follower of fashion.

Stunning examples of women's fashion from the collection of the Kyoto Costume Institute are now on display at the Mori Art Museum. See page 9 for more details.