

Tout le monde is reading

Want to know who's really who in the world of fashion? And we do mean the whole world.

With their new tome *Fashion Now 2* (\$39.99, Taschen), the editors of the hip, international i-D magazine have compiled an encyclopedic glimpse — in English, German and French — at 160 of the planet's design labels du jour.

In its 640 pages, you'll find brief profiles of labels both familiar (Chanel, Burberry, Marc Jacobs et al.) and obscure, at least on this side of the Atlantic (Gibo, Preen and Martine Sitbon). I wasn't



familiar with her until now, but I love Vanessa Bruno just on the basis

of her tag line, "Easy clothes for difficult girls."

The clothes are shown in edgy images from the magazine's pages. And just in case you discover a few talents your closet can't live without, there's a list of designer contacts at the back of the book, along with a fun travel guide to some of the world's best fashion cities.

Thumbing through the Encyclopedia Britannica was never this much fun.

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