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Valentino – A Grand Italian Epic

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Soon after opening his fashion house in Rome in 1959, Valentino Garavani was at the height of success, counting Jackie Kennedy and Elizabeth Taylor among his devotees. Over 40 years later, not much has changed. This lavish book chronicles the designer's illustrious career through images from his archives, including drawings, magazine shoots and portraits, plus *Vanity Fair* writer Matt Tyrnauer's interviews with 20 of Valentino's closest collaborators and friends. A fascinating look at the man, his lifestyle, and his genius, this book puts haute couture within reach.

