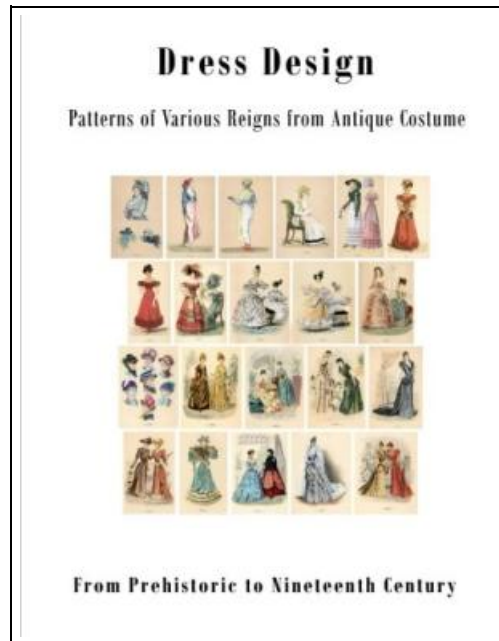


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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Dress Design Patterns of Various Reigns from Antique Costume By Talbot Hughes From Prehistoric to Nineteenth Century Victorian The designing and making of Costume is a craft--sometimes artistic--with which we are all more or less concerned. It is also, in its own way, one of the living arts, that is, it is still carried forward experimentally by experts directly attached to the business. It has not yet been subjected to rules of good taste formulated by Academies and Universities; but when Inigo Jones, the great architect, was asked to make some designs for fancy dress, he based them on the Five Orders of Architecture, and ponderous fancies they were. If we look for the main stem of principle on which modern Costume develops, we seem to find it in the desire for freshness, for the clean, the uncrushed, and the perfectly fitted and draped. Probably a modern lady s ideal would be to wear a dress once, and then burn it. A correlative of the ideal of freshness is the delight in perfect cut, and the rapidly changing fashions are doubtless conditioned in part by the desire for the new and unsullied. Novelty is a guarantee of newness. In such ephemeral productions it would be vain to seek for certain fine types of excellence which were once common when dresses were not so lightly cast aside. So it is necessary that we should understand what the ruling principle is, for it is one which will not be set aside at the bidding of well-meaning reformers. I will only venture to say that it would be desirable to make the attempt to separate in some degree the more constant elements of dress...



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