

## House Of Versace The Untold Story Of Genius Murder And Survival

The true story of serial killer Andrew Cunanan--the man who murdered designer Gianni Versace. Described as everything from a flamboyant playboy to a transvestite prostitute to a gold-digging "kept man", Andrew Cunanan has remained an enigma--even in death. Now, in this searing expose, author Wensley Clarkson examines Cunanan from the inside out, revealing never-before-told facts about his life. Photo insert. Available now.

GIANNI VERSACE: A Gianni Versace Biography The main man behind the most sensual, coveted and recognizable aspects of today's fashion industry is Gianni Versace. We have Versace to thank for unrepentant glamour and sexuality, high-octane fashion shows, supermodels, celebrities on the front row, the intersections of high art and shameless commerce and global branding... all these things that makes the fashion world such a heady, intoxicating place. The Italian designer was one of the most important talents to have ever graced the fashion business. He had a distinct vision, the skills and technique to make it a reality, and the courage and sense of salesmanship needed to succeed. He was a gifted original who founded a bold fashion house in 1978 and changed the way the game was played forever afterwards. His has become one of the most unforgettable names in the business as well as in popular culture. Beyond a name, Versace was a global brand -an aspirational aesthetic, a lifestyle, a philosophy. This is his story...

The Gucci name is synonymous with glamour and opulence. But behind the luxury brand lies a family with a history of betrayal, jealousy and even murder. In this astounding book, Jenny Gucci, a one-time 'Gucci wife', reveals what it was like to live in the dangerous world of what was once one of the most powerful families on the planet.

Published to accompany an exhibition of Versace design that opened in 1997 - With commentary on the major inspirations and themes of the designer, his creative interpretations of the past, his visions of costumes for the opera and the dance, his ideas for the male and his innovative uses of different materials.

She was the sixteen-year-old Duchess of Russia living on a palatial estate with everything she could want until the Russian people decided that they had had enough of the Tsar and his family, and they devised a murderous plan to end his rule forever.

Digital technologies in fashion are becoming more accessible and now any creative with a basic knowledge of fashion design and computing can create convincing still or animated 3D visualizations of styles, designs and products. With this technology, the designer is able to present a lifelike design that shows how the fabrics will look and how the garment fits on the body. 3D Fashion Design presents an overview of current technologies and their uses. It is packed with case studies and step-by-step tutorials showing the far-reaching capabilities of 3D fashion software. The author begins with an introduction to 3D software and the principals of working in three dimensions. He then moves onto creating the mannequin avatar, garments, accessories and textures and shows how to present and publish the finished article. Various software programmes are covered including Clo3D and Marvellous Designer for fashion-orientated design, and Maya, Mudbox, Rhino and Photoshop for more general digital design, visual effects and rendering. This authoritative guide is aimed at all levels, from beginners and fashion students working with digital technologies to advanced fashion designers, digital designers and visual effects specialists for film and animation.

Ever wonder what really goes on behind the scenes of the Oscars? Want to know which actors are funny and which ones are just plain boring? What is it like to interview Madonna, Robin Williams, and Pierce Brosnan? All of these questions (and many more) are answered by veteran entertainment journalist Francine Brokaw. With a delightful mixture of wit and honesty,

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Francine gives readers an uncensored view of life as an entertainment journalist. In addition to her own perspective, Francine's colleagues across the country weigh in on questions like . . . • What is the best swag you've ever received? • What is the most memorable interview you've ever conducted? • Have you ever had to interview someone rude? Perfect for a weekend read or as a companion text to an introductory course in mass media, *Beyond the Red Carpet* is an informative and entertaining book that covers every aspect of the business of entertainment journalism. Francine Brokaw has been a professional writer for over twenty years, focusing on entertainment and political journalism. Her work has appeared in numerous national and international magazines. She frequently interviews A-list celebrities such as Tom Hanks, Blake Lively, Julie Andrews, and Johnny Depp, but her favorite time period to write about is the studio days of Old Hollywood.

The biography of James Packer. James Packer turns to Greek mythology in an attempt to explain the most exciting yet tumultuous period of his 50 years on earth. "I was like Icarus," the billionaire tells his biographer, journalist Damon Kitney, of the heady days of 2016 when he broke up with pop star Mariah Carey, abandoned living in Hollywood and Israel, left the global casino stage, and divided the family fortune in a bitter separation from his sister. "I flew too close to the sun." With these words, Packer delves for the first time into the story behind his stunning public revelation in mid-March 2018 of his battle with mental health issues, which forced him to resign from the board of the Crown casino company he owns and loves. Never before has a member of the Packer family co-operated with a writer to tell their story. In his biography, *The Price of Fortune*, one of the nation's richest and most psychoanalysed men opens up in an attempt to make sense of his rollercoaster life and to tell the human story of being James Douglas Packer. Of how his wealth, charm and intellect took him to such exciting places. Yet how sometimes his trusting the wrong people and his rash actions cost him his friends, his health and, most importantly, his reputation on the global stage - and how he is now working on getting it back.

In the late 18th century, Limestone, Tennessee, saw a quick succession of fascinating events. Washington College Academy, named after Pres. George Washington, was opened in 1780. In 1786, Limestone was the birthplace of Davy Crockett, America's most famous frontiersman and folk hero, and in 1792, the community's signature stone dwelling, the Colonel Gillespie House, was built. A Civil War battle was later fought in the town. Limestone prospered in the early 20th century as a watering stop for livestock trains but then declined as a rural trading center with the popularity of the automobile. Through fire, floods, war, and economic downturn, this unincorporated community's rural spirit enabled Limestone to successfully meet the needs of its citizens into the 21st century.

The only biography of its kind, *Lincolnomics* narrates The Great Emancipator's untold legacy as The Great Builder of American infrastructure—developer of an economic ladder to democracy through national transportation, public education, and market access Lincoln's view of the right to fulfill one's economic destiny was at the core of his governing philosophy—but he knew no one could climb that ladder without strong federal support. Some of his most enduring policies came to him before the Civil War, visions of a country linked by railroads running ocean to ocean, canals turning small towns into bustling cities, public works bridging farmers to market. Expertly appraising the foundational ideas and policies on infrastructure that America's sixteenth president rooted in society, John F. Wasik tracks Lincoln from his time in the 1830s as a young Illinois state legislator pushing internal improvements; through his work as a lawyer representing the Illinois Central Railroad in the 1840s; to his presidential fight for the

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Transcontinental Railroad; and his support of land-grant colleges that educated a nation. To Lincoln, infrastructure meant more than the roads, bridges, and canals he shepherded as a lawyer and a public servant. These brick-and-mortar developments were essential to a nation's lifting citizens above poverty and its isolating origins. *Lincolnomics* revives the disremembered history of how Lincoln paved the way for Eisenhower's interstate highways and FDR's social amenities. With an afterword addressing the failure of American infrastructure during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how Lincoln's policies provide a guide to the future, *Lincolnomics* makes the case for the man nicknamed "The Rail Splitter" as the Presidency's greatest builder.

SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE from director Ridley Scott, starring Lady Gaga and Adam Driver The sensational true story of murder, madness, glamour, and greed that shook the Gucci dynasty, now fully updated with a new afterword On March 27, 1995, Maurizio Gucci, heir to the fabulous fashion dynasty, was slain by an unknown gunman as he approached his Milan office. In 1998, his ex-wife Patrizia Reggiani Martinelli--nicknamed "The Black Widow" by the press--was sentenced to 29 years in prison, for arranging his murder. Did Patrizia murder her ex-husband because his spending was wildly out of control? Did she do it because her glamorous ex was preparing to marry his mistress, Paola Franchi? Or is there a possibility she didn't do it at all? The Gucci story is one of glitz, glamour, intrigue, the rise, near fall and subsequent resurgence of a fashion dynasty. Beautifully written, impeccably researched, and widely acclaimed, *The House of Gucci* will captivate readers with its page-turning account of high fashion, high finance, and heart-rending personal tragedy. More than two decades ago, John Galliano and Alexander McQueen arrived on the fashions scene when the business was in an artistic and economic rut. Both wanted to revolutionize fashion in a way no one had in decades. They shook the establishment out of its bourgeois, minimalist stupor with daring, sexy designs. They turned out landmark collections in mesmerizing, theatrical shows that retailers and critics still gush about and designers continue to reference. Their approach to fashion was wildly different—Galliano began as an illustrator, McQueen as a Savile Row tailor. Galliano led the way with his sensual bias-cut gowns and his voluptuous hourglass tailoring, which he presented in romantic storybook-like settings. McQueen, though nearly ten years younger than Galliano, was a brilliant technician and a visionary artist who brought a new reality to fashion, as well as an otherworldly beauty. For his first official collection at the tender age of twenty-three, McQueen did what few in fashion ever achieve: he invented a new silhouette, the Bumster. They had similar backgrounds: sensitive, shy gay men raised in tough London neighborhoods, their love of fashion nurtured by their doting mothers. Both struggled to get their businesses off the ground, despite early critical success. But by 1997, each had landed a job as creative director for couture houses owned by French tycoon Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH. Galliano's and McQueen's work for Dior and Givenchy and beyond not only influenced fashion; their distinct styles were also reflected across the media landscape. With their help, luxury fashion evolved from a clutch of small, family-owned businesses into a \$280 billion-a-year global corporate industry. Executives pushed the designers to meet increasingly rapid deadlines. For both Galliano and McQueen, the pace was unsustainable. In 2010, McQueen took his own life three weeks before his womens' wear show. The same week that Galliano was fired, *Forbes* named Arnault the fourth richest man in the world.

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Two months later, Kate Middleton wore a McQueen wedding gown, instantly making the house the world's most famous fashion brand, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art opened a wildly successful McQueen retrospective, cosponsored by the corporate owners of the McQueen brand. The corporations had won and the artists had lost. In her groundbreaking work *Gods and Kings*, acclaimed journalist Dana Thomas tells the true story of McQueen and Galliano. In so doing, she reveals the revolution in high fashion in the last two decades—and the price it demanded of the very ones who saved it.

**THE SPREE KILLINGS THAT TERRORIZED THE NATION** April 29, 1997--The body of 28-year-old Jeffrey Trail found wrapped in a rug in a Minneapolis apartment. May 3--Fishermen find the body of 33-year-old architect David Madson in Minnesota's East Rush lake. May 4--The tortured body of wealthy 72-year-old real estate investor Lee Miglin found in his garage. May 9--45-year-old caretaker William Reese found in a New Jersey cemetery with a bullet in his head. July 15--World-renowned fashion designer Gianni Versace shot twice in the back of the head and left to die in front of his South Beach mansion. **THE CAT AND MOUSE CHASE THAT GRIPPED THE COUNTRY**

The man responsible for these horrific slayings was Andrew Cunanan, a cunning, cold-blooded killer who eluded police for three months until July 23rd, 1997, when, after a harrowing standoff on a Miami houseboat, police found Cunanan inside the boat--dead by his own hand. But as the tragic crime spree comes to an end, the mystery is just beginning--who was Andrew Cunanan and what led him to savagely murder five men? What was his relationship to the victims? And how did a handsome, privileged young man venture so far into the dark side? **THE FINAL ENDING THAT SHOCKED THE WORLD** Described as everything from a flamboyant playboy to a transvestite prostitute to a gold-digging "kept man," Andrew Cunanan has remained an enigma--even in death. Now, in this searing expose, author Wensley Clarkson examines Cunanan from the inside out, revealing never-before-told facts about his life, including: - The truth about the wife and child he claimed to have had - A scandalous affair Cunanan claimed to have had with an older TV star - The tragic childhood that sparked his fury - How Cunanan starred in gay porno videos - Cunanan's deadly obsession with Tom Cruise - And much, much, more

Traces the life and death of the Italian fashion designer, with photographs of many of his designs

Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best nonfiction books of all time From the Modern Library's new set of beautifully repackaged hardcover classics by Truman Capote—also available are *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *Other Voices, Other Rooms* (in one volume), *Portraits and Observations*, and *The Complete Stories* Truman Capote's masterpiece, *In Cold Blood*, created a sensation when it was first published, serially, in *The New Yorker* in 1965. The intensively researched, atmospheric narrative of the lives of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, and of the two men, Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, who brutally killed them on the night of November 15, 1959, is the seminal work of the "new journalism." Perry Smith is one of the great dark characters of American literature, full of contradictory emotions. "I thought he was a very nice gentleman," he says of Herb Clutter. "Soft-spoken. I thought so right up to the moment I cut his throat." Told in chapters that alternate between the Clutter household and the approach of Smith and Hickock in their black Chevrolet, then

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between the investigation of the case and the killers' flight, Capote's account is so detailed that the reader comes to feel almost like a participant in the events.

Death was merciful to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, for it spared her a parent's worst nightmare: the loss of a child. But if Jackie had lived to see her son, JFK Jr., perish in a plane crash on his way to his cousin's wedding, she would have been doubly horrified by the familiar pattern in the tragedy. Once again, on a day that should have been full of joy and celebration, America's first family was struck by the Kennedy Curse. In this probing expose, renowned Kennedy biographer Edward Klein--a bestselling author and journalist personally acquainted with many members of the Kennedy family--unravels one of the great mysteries of our time and explains why the Kennedys have been subjected to such a mind-boggling chain of calamities. Drawing upon scores of interviews with people who have never spoken out before, troves of private documents, archives in Ireland and America, and private conversations with Jackie, Klein explores the underlying pattern that governs the Kennedy Curse. The reader is treated to penetrating portraits of the Irish immigrant Patrick Kennedy; Rose Kennedy's father, "Honey Fitz"; the dynasty's founding father Joe Kennedy and his ill-fated daughter Kathleen, President Kennedy, accused rapist William Kennedy Smith, and the star-crossed lovers, JFK Jr. and Carolyn Bessette. Each of the seven profiles demonstrates the basic premise of this book: The Kennedy Curse is the result of the destructive collision between the Kennedy's fantasy of omnipotence--an unremitting desire to get away with things that others cannot--and the cold, hard realities of life.

Read the true story of the manhunt that inspired *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story*, the acclaimed FX series. "The breadth and thoroughness of [Maureen] Orth's research are often staggering."—*The New York Times* "Fascinating . . . ripe with chilling detail."—*Entertainment Weekly* On July 15, 1997, Gianni Versace was shot and killed on the steps of his Miami Beach mansion by serial killer Andrew Cunanan. But months before Versace's murder, award-winning journalist Maureen Orth was already investigating a major story on Cunanan for *Vanity Fair*. Culled from interviews with more than four hundred people and insights gleaned from thousands of pages of police reports, *Vulgar Favors* tells the complete story of Andrew Cunanan, his unwitting victims, and the moneyed world in which they lived . . . and died. Orth reveals how Cunanan met Versace, and why police and the FBI repeatedly failed to catch him. Here is a gripping odyssey that races across America—from California's wealthy gay underworld to modest Midwestern homes of families mourning the loss of their sons to South Beach and its unapologetic decadence. *Vulgar Favors* is at once a masterwork of investigative journalism and a riveting account of a sociopath, his crimes, and the mysteries he left along the way.

Christened Reginald Dwight, he was a shy boy with Buddy Holly glasses who grew up in the London suburb of Pinner and dreamed of becoming a pop star. By the age of twenty-three, he was performing his first gig in America, facing an astonished audience in his bright yellow dungarees, a star-spangled T-shirt and boots with wings. Elton John had arrived and the music world would never be the same again. His life has been full of drama, from the early rejection of his work with song-writing partner Bernie Taupin to spinning out of control as a chart-topping superstar; from half-heartedly trying to drown himself in his LA swimming pool to disco-dancing with the Queen; from friendships with John Lennon, Freddie Mercury and George Michael to setting up his AIDS Foundation. All the while, Elton was hiding a drug addiction that would grip him for over a decade. In *Me* Elton also writes powerfully about getting clean and changing his life, about finding love with David Furnish and becoming a father. In a voice that is warm, humble and open, this is Elton on his music and his relationships, his passions and his

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mistakes. This is a story that will stay with you, by a living legend.

A history of the women who taught Americans how to dress in the first half of the 20th century—and whose lessons we'd do well to remember today.

This entertaining exposé on how the other half gets in tells the shockingly true story of the Varsity Blues scandal, and all of the crazy parents, privilege, and con men involved. Guilty Admissions weaves together the story of an unscrupulous college counselor named Rick Singer, and how he preyed on the desperation of some of the country's wealthiest families living in a world defined by fierce competition, who function under constant pressure to get into the "right" schools, starting with pre-school; non-stop fundraising and donation demands in the form of multi-million-dollar galas and private parties; and a community of deeply insecure parents who will do anything to get their kids into name-brand colleges in order to maintain their own A-list status. Investigative reporter Nicole LaPorte lays bare the source of this insecurity—that in 2019, no special "hook" in the form of legacy status, athletic talent, or financial giving can guarantee a child's entrance into an elite school. The result is paranoia, deception, and true crimes at the peak of the American social pyramid. With a glittering cast of Hollywood actors—including Felicity Huffman and Lori Loughlin—hedge fund CEOs, sales executives, and media titans, Guilty Admissions is a soap-opera-slash-sneak-peek-behind-the-curtains at America's richest social circles; an examination of the cutthroat world of college admissions; and a parable of American society in 2019, when the country is run by a crass tycoon and all totems of status and achievement have become transactional and removed from traditions of ethical restraint. A world where the rich get whatever they want, however they want it.

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An unauthorized chronicle of the rise of the influential fashion entrepreneur reveals family secrets pertaining to the crimes, tragedies, and intense rivalries that shaped his career, offering insight into the ongoing struggle to maintain his legacy after his death.

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American Crime Story, the latest chapter of the acclaimed FX series. On July 15, 1997, Gianni Versace was shot and killed on the steps of his Miami Beach mansion by serial killer Andrew Cunanan. But months before Versace's murder, award-winning journalist Maureen Orth was already investigating a major story on Cunanan for Vanity Fair. Culled from interviews with more than four hundred people and insights gleaned from thousands of pages of police reports, Vulgar Favors tells the complete story of Andrew Cunanan, his unwitting victims, and the moneyed world in which they lived . . . and died. Orth reveals how Cunanan met Versace, and why police and the FBI repeatedly failed to catch him. Here is a gripping odyssey that races across America--from California's wealthy gay underworld to modest Midwestern homes of families mourning the loss of their sons to South Beach and its unapologetic decadence. Vulgar Favors is at once a masterwork of investigative journalism and a riveting account of a sociopath, his crimes, and the mysteries he left along the way. "The breadth and thoroughness of Maureen] Orth's research are often staggering."--The New York Times "Fascinating . . . ripe with chilling detail."--Entertainment Weekly

THE ACCESSORIES WE DISPLAY, THEIR COLOR AND TEXTURE, abundance or restraint, similarity or variety, combine to establish a unique personality for each room. The way we put them together is art. Focusing on tablescapes, wall decorations, mantels, and fabrics, Charles shows not just the results, but the wonderful journey and process of giving a room its soul and identity. Charles Faudree was named one of America's top 100 designers. He maintains a retail shop and his Charles Faudree Collection of fabric is marketed through Vervain. He's the author of four previous books published by Gibbs Smith. He lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jenifer Jordan has been a photographer of home interiors and architecture for more than 25 years. She has photographed all of Charles Faudree's books and also Modern Country. She lives in

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Tulsa.

This is the story of the Outfit, the secretive organized crime cartel that began its reign in prohibition-era Chicago before becoming the real puppet master of Hollywood, Las Vegas, and Washington D.C. The Outfit recounts the adventures and exploits of its bosses, Tony 'Joe Batters' Accardo (the real Godfather), Murray 'The Camel' or 'Curly' Humphreys (one of the greatest political fixers and union organizers this country has ever known), Paul 'The Waiter' Ricca, and Johnny Rosselli (the liaison between the shadowy world and the outside world). Their invisibility was their strength, and what kept their leader from ever spending a single night in jail. The Outfit bosses were the epitome of style and grace, moving effortlessly among national political figures and Hollywood studio heads-until their world started to crumble in the 1970s. With extensive research including recently released FBI files, the Chicago Crime files of entertainer Steve Allen, first-ever access to the voluminous working papers of the Kefauver Committee, original interviews with the members of the Fourth Estate who pursued the Outfit for forty years, and exclusive access to the journals of Humphrey's widow, veteran journalist Gus Russo uncovers sixty years of corruption and influence, and examines the shadow history of the United States.

The first, definitive biography of the iconic, notoriously private British fashion designer Alexander McQueen "offers new insights...and provides unprecedented access to a misunderstood soul" (The Boston Globe). When forty-year-old Alexander McQueen committed suicide in February 2010, a shocked world mourned the loss. McQueen had risen from humble beginnings as the son of an East London taxi driver to scale the heights of fame, fortune, and glamour. He created a multimillion-dollar luxury brand that became a favorite with celebrities, including Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell. He designed clothes for the world's most beautiful women and royalty, most famously the Duchess of Cambridge, who wore a McQueen dress on her wedding day. But behind the confident facade and bad-boy image, lay a sensitive soul who struggled to survive in the ruthless world of fashion. As the pressures of work intensified, McQueen became increasingly dependent on the drugs that contributed to his tragic end. Meanwhile, his failure to find lasting love in a string of boyfriends only added to his despair. And then there were the secrets that haunted his sleep... A modern-day fairy tale infused with the darkness of a Greek tragedy, Alexander McQueen provides "a thorough and emotionally compelling exploration...of a complex and enigmatic artist" (Publishers Weekly). Andrew Wilson's "magnificent" (The Independent, UK) and "compelling and heavily researched bio" (Entertainment Weekly), featuring never-before-seen photographs and rare interviews, dispels myths, corrects inaccuracies, and shares new insights into McQueen's private life and the source of his creative genius.

Presents a history of the Chicago Outfit, detailing its role in the development of the city's organized crime scene as well as the political and corporate protection it secured in order to become one of the most successful crime families.

Recounts the author's experiences as an Ivy League college graduate turned successful pornographic film producer.

Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet tells the story of the evolution of Iranian contemporary art by examining the work of 30 artists. This is art where the ills of internal politics remain astutely masked below a layer of ornamentation, poetry, or humor. What unites the disparate works into a coherent theme is the artists' coping mechanisms, which consist of subversive critique, quiet rebellion, humor, mysticism, and poetry--hence the publications title. The subtitle Contemporary Persians is also a reference to a strategy of survival, this one used by Iranians in the United States during the early 2000s; at a time when 'Iranians' were identified with hostage takers and terrorists, they adopted the identity 'Persians', which remained free of such associations. This title collects the work of a number of artists who are already well-known in the United States, including among others Afruz Amighi, whose work is in the permanent

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collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and Monir Farmanfarmanian, who received a major exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum in 2015.

Throughout her career, supermodel and actress Carré Otis has been celebrated for her striking physical beauty—but in this brazenly honest memoir she revisits the ugliest parts of her past to reveal the events that ultimately brought her to strive for, and champion, the kind of beauty that can only be found within. In *Beauty Disrupted* Carré details the triumphs and challenges of her career in modeling, her rise to fame on the covers of *Elle*, *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *Marie Claire*, her battle against eating disorders and drug addiction, and her infamous marriage to Mickey Rourke. *Beauty Disrupted* is her inspiring and personal memoir, a story of difficult lessons learned and inner beauty rediscovered, by a woman famous the world over—not only for her face but, now, for her fighter's spirit.

A comprehensive biography of the late designer, Karl Lagerfeld, and his infamous rivalry with Yves Saint Laurent. In the 1970s, Paris fashion exploded like a champagne bottle left out in the sun. Amid sequins and longing, celebrities and aspirants flocked to the heart of chic, and Paris became a hothouse of revelry, intrigue, and searing ambition. At the center of it all were fashion's most beloved luminaries - Yves Saint Laurent, the reclusive enfant terrible, and Karl Lagerfeld, the flamboyant freelancer with a talent for reinvention - and they divided Paris into two fabulous halves. Their enduring rivalry is chronicled in this dazzling exposé of an era: of social ambitions, shared obsessions, and the mesmerizing quest for beauty. "Deliciously dramatic... The Beautiful Fall crackles with excitement." -New York Times Book Review "Fascinating." -New York Times "Addictive." -Philadelphia Inquirer "It's like US Weekly, 1970s style." -Gotham "A story constructed as exquisitely as a couture dress. . . . It moves stylishly forward, with frequent over-the-shoulder glances at some very dishy background." -Boston Globe

Why is it that a few people are vastly more successful than the others? Surely everyone is born equal with a few child prodigies appearing on the scene every now and then as an exception to the rule. So why is it that only few people go on and earn more money than their average peers, become more successful, famous, and lead a much more fulfilled life. And then sometimes the exceptional child prodigies who were certain to make it big when they grew up, become lost in mediocrity? Surely all this cannot be happening at random, there must be a higher force involved in play, something inside a human brain that is making these few people far more successful in life than the majority of others. What is it that all the successful people in history have in common? Have they found a key to something that others have no idea about? The answer to all these questions is a resounding YES Every successful person harnesses the Power of Visualization to Create a Life full of wealth and happiness. On the other hand, every average person just ignores visualization and when the going gets tough in life he ends up getting stuck in a limbo. Life is nothing but a routine then, with no excitement and nothing to look up to. Is it difficult for you to achieve what you want? Have you ever felt stuck in your situation or in your life? Do you want to own all the luxuries you desired when you were a kid? If you have yes as an answer to all these questions, then your search is over! Can you remember the day when you were at Your A-Game in office or on the field playing against your competitors and you just played on another level to them. You could see the move they made before they made it and outplay anything they threw at you. That was you operating at a higher vibration level to your competition and it made all the difference. Now imagine if you can learn to operate at that higher vibration level everyday, consistently. Surely you will outperform anyone who comes up against you. And this will happen everywhere. In your office, in your business, on the field of play, EVERYWHERE! Once you master operating at a higher vibration level you will achieve everything you want to in your life, from Success and Wealth to Love and Personal Satisfaction. And this book will take you to that Higher Vibration State If you are a beginner, then this book will be a roadmap for you. Every chapter of this book has some

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practical tips to demonstrate how you can visualize to replenish your desires and needs. What Visualization Can Do For You? Visualization can shape your future Visualization can help you break free of any limitations Visualization can improve your health Visualization helps settle your thoughts Visualization helps you take back control of your life This book will be a game changer for your personal life and will help you do the things you never thought you could do with the power of visualization. This book helps you learn: The power of the conscious and the subconscious mind 5 Principles of successful visualizations Meditation exercises to further boost your visualization powers How to use your visualizations to get wealth and career of your dreams How to use visualizations to have success in love and other relationships How to use visualizations to be in good mental and physical health AND MUCH MORE! So get over the last minute objections and Scroll Up And Click the " Add To Cart" Button NOW!!!

Profiles the life of the late fashion designer, including his childhood in southern Italy, his rivalry with Giorgio Armani, and the rise of his clothing line into the international spotlight during the 1980s and 1990s.

"A dynamic group biography studded with design history and high-society dash . . . [This] elegantly wrought narrative bears the Cartier hallmark."--The Economist The captivating story of the family behind the Cartier empire and the three brothers who turned their grandfather's humble Parisian jewelry store into a global luxury icon--as told by a great-granddaughter with exclusive access to long-lost family archives "Ms. Cartier Brickell has done her grandfather proud."--The Wall Street Journal The Cartiers is the revealing tale of a jewelry dynasty--four generations, from revolutionary France to the 1970s. At its heart are the three Cartier brothers whose motto was "Never copy, only create" and who made their family firm internationally famous in the early days of the twentieth century, thanks to their unique and complementary talents: Louis, the visionary designer who created the first men's wristwatch to help an aviator friend tell the time without taking his hands off the controls of his flying machine; Pierre, the master dealmaker who bought the New York headquarters on Fifth Avenue for a double-stranded natural pearl necklace; and Jacques, the globe-trotting gemstone expert whose travels to India gave Cartier access to the world's best rubies, emeralds, and sapphires, inspiring the celebrated Tutti Frutti jewelry. Francesca Cartier Brickell, whose great-grandfather was the youngest of the brothers, has traveled the world researching her family's history, tracking down those connected with her ancestors and discovering long-lost pieces of the puzzle along the way. Now she reveals never-before-told dramas, romances, intrigues, betrayals, and more. The Cartiers also offers a behind-the-scenes look at the firm's most iconic jewelry--the notoriously cursed Hope Diamond, the Romanov emeralds, the classic panther pieces--and the long line of stars from the worlds of fashion, film, and royalty who wore them, from Indian maharajas and Russian grand duchesses to Wallis Simpson, Coco Chanel, and Elizabeth Taylor. Published in the two-hundredth anniversary year of the birth of the dynasty's founder, Louis-François Cartier, this book is a magnificent, definitive, epic social history shown through the deeply personal lens of one legendary family.

London 1996: Alexander McQueen took over the Hawksmoor masterpiece Christ Church in London's East End for what was quite possibly the greatest fashion show on Earth. A candle-lit, cruciform catwalk with a backdrop of stained-glass windows set the tone for an extraordinary collection. Lace sat against chiffon and rubbed shoulders with couture and club-culture clothing and digital print. Dante was the seminal collection that would resonate throughout Alexander McQueen's career. This book features unique

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photographs shot behind the scenes, with raw, unseen pictures of the designer, models and clothes. The fashion creatives who worked with McQueen to make the show such a success recall this pivotal time in the designer's career and reflect on what made Dante truly groundbreaking. Newly created imagery of clothes shown on the catwalk gives an insight into why this collection was so special.

Hellenistic and Roman Terracottas is a collective volume presenting newly excavated material, as well as diverse and innovative approaches in the study the iconography, function and technology of ancient terracottas.

In Japan it's called the "Ghosn Shock"—the stunning arrest of Carlos Ghosn, the jet-setting CEO who saved Nissan and made it part of a global automotive empire. Even more shocking was his daring escape from Japan, packed into a box and put on a private jet to Lebanon after months spent in a Japanese detention center, subsisting on rice gruel. This is the saga of what led to the Ghosn Shock and what was left in its wake. Ghosn spent two decades building a colossal partnership between Nissan and Renault that looked like a new model for a global business, but the alliance's shiny image fronted an unsteady, tense operation. Culture clashes, infighting among executives and engineers, dueling corporate traditions, and government maneuvering constantly threatened the venture. Journalists Hans Greimel and William Sposato have followed the story up close, with access to key players, including Ghosn himself. Veteran Tokyo-based reporters, they have witnessed the end of Japan's bubble economy and attempts at opening Japan Inc. to the world. They've seen the fraying of keiretsu, Japan's traditional skein of business relationships, and covered numerous corporate scandals, of which the Ghosn Shock and Ghosn's subsequent escape stand above all. Expertly reported, *Collision Course* explores the complex suspicions around what and who was really responsible for Ghosn's ouster and why one of the top executives in the world would risk everything to escape the country. It explains how economics, history, national interests, cultural politics, and hubris collided, crumpling the legacy of arguably the most important foreign businessman ever to set foot in Japan. This gripping, unforgettable narrative, full of fascinating characters, serves as part cautionary tale, part object lesson, and part forewarning of the increasing complexity of doing global business in a nationalistic world.

Gianni Versace's unbridled enthusiasm for the baroque finds new expression in *Do Not Disturb*, his playful peek behind the closed doors of the Versace homes. Versace's Garden of Eden is found at home - be that a stuccoed Ottocento pavilion fronting the Lago di Como, a sumptuous home office in the center of the fashion capital, or an Art Deco pile in South Beach. Versace's Adam and Eve might well be Sylvester Stallone and Claudia Schiffer, modestly shielding themselves from our view with a Gorgon-headed dinner plate. His vision is translated through the lens of the world's most accomplished photographers - Richard Avedon, Irving Penn, Helmut Newton, and Massimo Listri - and illustrated with a cornucopia of drawings and pastels by Karl Lagerfeld and Gladys Perint Palmer. Sir Roy Strong, a former Director of the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, contributes a stunning text to match the visual feast.

A long-awaited and highly intimate visual history of Versace, the glamorous and globally renowned Italian fashion house. Versace—a name that epitomizes Italian opulence, bold sexiness, and a flair for the extravagant—holds its place firmly in the fashion world as a legendary and iconic luxury brand. Taking over the creative artistic

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direction of the family-run fashion house in 1997, the enigmatic and alluring Donatella Versace has since catapulted the brand into popular culture, cementing Versace as a go-to label for A-list celebrities. This richly illustrated tome chronicles Donatella's interpretation of Versace in the twenty-first century and her remarkable work as the curator and face of Versace. Versace includes exclusive contemporary and archival imagery from runway and backstage shots to intimate scenes at the Versace atelier, with accompanying original essays penned by fashion's most authoritative voices. Featuring arresting photography by Richard Avedon, Irving Penn, and Steven Meisel, among many others; images of Versace fashions modeled by the original "supers," such as Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, and Linda Evangelista; and red-carpet coverage of Hollywood's elite wearing dazzling Versace couture, this glittering volume delivers the magnetic vibrancy, supreme luxury, and glamour quotient that define Versace.

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