

## Unveiling Fashion Business Culture And Identity In The Most Glamorous Industr

Drawing together theoretical ideas from across the social sciences, *Classifying Fashion, Fashioning Class* examines how the fashion-class association has developed and, using the experiences of middle-and-working class British women, demonstrates how this relationship operates today. Though increasingly academics argue that contemporary class distinctions are made through cultural practices and tastes, few have fully explored just how individual's fashion choices mobilise class and are used in class evaluations. Yet, an individual's everyday dress is perhaps the most immediate marker of taste, and thus an important means of class distinction. This is particularly true for women, as their performances of respectability, femininity and motherhood are embodied by fashion and shaped by class. In unpacking this fashion-class relationship, the book explores how fashion is used by British women to talk about class. It offers important insights into the ways fashion mobilises class differences in understandings of dressing up, performance and public space. It considers how class identity shapes women's attitudes concerning fashion trends and classic styles, and it draws attention to the pivotal role mothers play in cultivating these class distinctions. The book will be of interest to students in sociology, fashion studies, cultural studies, human geography and consumer behaviour.

Patriarchy has been justified by philosophies of beauty, but such paradigms have come into conflict with contemporary international law governing human rights. This book analyzes how feminist philosophy has undermined dualistic notions of sexual identity, and is transforming human consciousness.

*Getting Dressed* introduces students to sociological concepts via the everyday decision of what to wear. Everyone has to get dressed. And what we wear creates our identity – how people define us and how we define ourselves. But getting dressed is not based on our individual choices and tastes alone. Rather, the process of getting dressed is shaped and limited by a range of social influences that lead us to imitate what others wear and reduces the range of options that are available for us to wear. From designers' studios to the stores in the mall to our bedrooms, social constraints limit creativity and shape what we wear and how we express our identities when getting dressed.

The UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (CDCE) was adopted in 2005 and designed to allow States to protect and promote cultural policies. This book examines the effectiveness of the CDCE and offers ways by which its implementation may be improved to better attain its objectives. The book provides insight in how the normative character of the CDCE may be strengthened through implementation and increasingly recurrent practice based on its provisions. Hailing from various fields of international law, political and social sciences, the book's contributors work to promote discussions on the practical and legal influence of the CDCE, and to identify opportunities and recommendations for a more effective application. Part One of the book assesses the effectiveness of the CDCE in influencing other areas of international law and the work conducted by other intergovernmental organizations through the recognition of the double nature (cultural and economic) of cultural goods and services. Part Two focuses on the practice of the CDCE beyond the recognition of the specificity of cultural goods and services in international law by addressing the CDCE's call for greater international cooperation and stronger integration of cultural concerns in development strategies at the national and regional levels. The book will be of great use and interest to academics and practitioners in law, social and political sciences, agents of governmental and international organizations, and cultural sector stakeholders.

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Learn how to unleash the power of brand-culture fusion to achieve sustainable competitive advantage and new growth. "This compelling book shows how to connect the image you present to the outside world with the values and norms that operate inside your world of work." --Adam Grant, New York Times bestselling author of *Originals* and *Give and Take* "Denise Lee Yohn hit a home run with her first book, *What Great Brands Do*. Now she's written *FUSION* and it is just as provocative. Denise proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that great companies are powered by brand-culture fusion. I highly recommend this book!" --Ken Blanchard, Coauthor, *The New One Minute Manager®*, Coeditor, *Servant Leadership in Action* Internal culture + External brand = *FUSION* For years, leaders at companies like Southwest, Starbucks, and Google have done something differently that's put their organizations at the top of "the most admired companies," "best brands," and "great workplaces" lists. They don't often talk about that "something" specifically in terms of brand-culture fusion, but, as author Denise Lee Yohn reveals, aligning and integrating their brands and cultures is precisely how they've achieved their successes. Independently, brand and culture are powerful, unsung business drivers. But Denise shows that when you fuse the two together to create an interdependent and mutually reinforcing relationship between them, you create organizational power that isn't possible by simply cultivating one or the other alone. Through detailed case studies from some of the world's greatest companies (including Amazon, Airbnb, Adobe, Nike, and Salesforce), exclusive interviews with company executives, and insights from Denise's 25+ years working with world-class brands, *FUSION* provides readers with a roadmap for increasing competitiveness, creating measurable value for customers and employees, and future-proofing their business. This is a must-read for readers interested in workplace culture, brand management, strategy, leadership, employee experience, employee engagement, integration, branding, and organization development.

This collection arises from an international fashion conference held at Sapienza University in Rome, Italy, in May 2015. It is dedicated to one of the main indicators of social change, fashion, analysed within various scientific fields, historical periods, and geographical areas. It offers a comprehensive and detailed analysis of the world of clothes, starting from a historical perspective, religious clothes, and traditional costumes, and then exploring fashion theories and more recent approaches and developments in the media and advertisements. The book analyses the clothing of various cultures, including the Hittite peoples and the less explored fashion of Eastern Europe, and it deals with craft traditions and national costume in different areas, including China, Greece, Romania and Georgia. It also investigates the style of marginalized groups and youth movements and the interpretation of fashion in the studies and writings of sociologists, philosophers and linguists, such as Fausto Squillace and Christian Garve.

We know where we are with a fairy story. There is a cast of predictable characters, the hero or heroine is submitted to terrible trials, cruelty, and injustice but in the end the baddies get their comeuppance, good triumphs, and everyone lives happily ever after. In this book Manfred Kets de Vries, one of the world's leading authorities on the psychology of leadership, and a pioneering practitioner in the field of psychodynamic executive coaching, draws on the format of traditional fairy tales and tells us five stories that dramatize five key themes of dysfunctional leadership. The accompanying commentaries analyze each tale and examine the ways in which it applies to leadership behavior and organizational practices. This diagnostic element is supported by self-assessment tests that reinforce the main lessons of each tale and guide the reader's interpretation of the results. With Kets de Vries's guidance you'll be able to help your clients create best places to work, where everyone is the best they can be, and lives 'happily ever after'.

Proposing a comprehensive account of the global fashion industry this book aims to present fashion as a social and cultural fact. Drawing on six principles from the industry, Godart guides

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the reader through the economic, social and political arena of the world's most glamorous industry.

This revised collection of articles from magazines, newspapers, books and journals expands the readers awareness and understanding of what dress is all about. The essays in *The Meanings of Dress, 2nd Edition*, illustrate essential topics, such as dress and sociology, cultural studies, gender, religion, modesty and technological changes. Design and merchandising students will gain insight into how and why consumers buy clothing and other products related to dress and will grasp ways to forecast future trends. The book serves all interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary course needs.

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Creative industries are a growing and globally important area for both economic vitality and cultural expression of industrialized nations. This volume examines their institutional, categorical and structural dynamics to provide an overview of new trends and emerging issues in scholarship on this topic.

The fashion business has been collecting and analyzing information about colors, fabrics, silhouettes, and styles since the 18th century - activities that have long been shrouded in mystery. *The Fashion Forecasters* is the first book to reveal the hidden history of color and trend forecasting and to explore its relevance to the fashion business of the past two centuries. It sheds light on trend forecasting in the industrial era, the profession's maturation during the modernist moment of the 20th century, and its continued importance in today's digital fast-fashion culture. Based on in-depth archival research and oral history interviews, *The Fashion Forecasters* examines the entrepreneurs, service companies, and consultants that have worked behind the scenes to connect designers and retailers to emerging fashion trends in Europe, North America, and Asia. Here you will read about the trend studios, color experts, and international trade fairs that formalized the prediction process in the modern era, and hear the voices of leading contemporary practitioners at international forecasting companies such as the Doneger Group in New York and WGSN in London. Probing the inner workings of the global fashion system, *The Fashion Forecasters* blends history, biography, and ethnography into a highly readable cultural narrative.

This book contains an Open Access chapter This volume is the first systematic survey of the interface between the aesthetic and strategic domains. The "aesthetic" turn in strategy encompasses the use of aesthetic features and style to create value, as well as the ways in which the useful and the beautiful can be brought together.

Mit ihrer radikalen Entwicklung vom gestalterischen Phänomen zur wissenschaftlichen Disziplin wird an Universitäten die Frage gestellt: Was ist Mode? Dieser Band bietet durch die Zusammenfassung von Theorien, interdisziplinäre Perspektiven, Klärung von Begriffen und die Analyse der "Modesprache" essentielle Information für alle im Bereich Mode Studierenden

oder praktisch Tätigen.

What is fashion? Where does it come from? Why has it come to permeate modern life? In the last half century, questions like these have drawn serious academic reflection, resulting in a new field of research--fashion studies--and generating a rich multidisciplinary discussion. Yet theology's voice has been conspicuously absent in this conversation. The time has finally come for theology to break her silence and join this decades-long conversation. Fashion Theology is the first of its kind: a serious and long-overdue account of the dynamic relationship between theology and fashion. Chronicling the epic journey from ancient Christian sources to current developments in fashion studies, cultural theologian Robert Covolo navigates the rich history of Christian thought as well as recent political, social, aesthetic, literary, and performance theory. Far from mere disparity or quick resolution, Covolo demonstrates that fashion and theology inhabit a mutual terrain that has, until recently, scarcely been imagined. Covolo retraces the way theologians have taken up fashion across history, unveiling how Christian thinkers have been fascinated with fashion well before the academy's current focus, and bringing these insights into the conversation with fashion itself: the logic by which fashion operates, how fashion shapes our world, and the way fashion imperceptibly molds our personal lives. Within fashion's realms reside some of life's greatest challenges: the foundations of political power, the basis for social order, the nature of aesthetics, how we inhabit time, and the means by which we tell stories about our lives--challenges, it turns out, that theologians also explore. Fashion favors the bold; theology demands humility. Holding the two together, Fashion Theology trailblazes an interdisciplinary path informed by a thoughtful engagement with the Christian witness. For those traversing this spectacle of unexpected crossroads and hotly contested terrain, the promise of fashion theology awaits with its myriad unexplored vistas. --Malcolm Barnard, Senior Lecturer in Visual Culture, Loughborough University

Laurie Bassi and her coauthors show that despite the dispiriting headlines, we are entering a more hopeful economic age. The authors call it the "Worthiness Era." And in it, the good guys are poised to win. Good Company explains how this new era results from a convergence of forces, ranging from the explosion of online information sharing to the emergence of the ethical consumer and the arrival of civic-minded Millennials. Across the globe, people are choosing the companies in their lives in the same way they choose the guests they invite into their homes. They are demanding that companies be "good company." Proof is in the numbers. The authors created the Good Company Index to take a systematic look at Fortune 100 companies' records as employers, sellers, and stewards of society and the planet. The results were clear: worthiness pays off. Companies in the same industry with higher scores on the index—that is, companies that have behaved better—outperformed their peers in the stock market. And this is not some academic exercise: the authors have used

principles of the index at their own investment firm to deliver market-beating results. Using a host of real-world examples, Bassi and company explain each aspect of corporate worthiness and describe how you can assess other companies with which you do business as a consumer, investor, or employee. This detailed guide will help you determine who the good guys are—those companies that are worthy of your time, your loyalty, and your money.

"Like the wide array of practices these essays examine, this book invites readers to consider the diversity of settings and meanings that fall under the broad umbrella of Muslim sartorial style. We are introduced to the intimate yet high-stakes decisions ranging from headcover to nail polish, from Mauritania to Turkey to Indonesia. In so doing, we are reminded of the centrality of two important facts. First, that all forms of dress and the techniques of their use are always formed in dense familial, national, and transnational contexts. Second, that this variety still intersects with a fundamental fact: these styles dress and address the body. By refocusing on the body, this volume allows interdisciplinary perspectives to productively cross-fertilize the field of modest dress." Carla Jones, Department of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA This book investigates ways of dressing, style and fashion as gendered and embodied, but equally as "religionized" phenomena, particularly focusing on one significant world religion: Islam. Through their clothing, Muslims negotiate concepts and interpretations of Islam and construct their intersectionally interwoven position in the world. Taking the interlinkages between 'fashionized religion,' 'religionized fashion,' commercialization and processes of feminization as a starting point, this book reshapes our understanding of gendered forms of religiosity and spirituality through the lens of gender and embodiment. Focusing mainly on the agency and creativity of women as they appropriate ways of performing and interpreting various modalities of Muslim clothing and body practices, the book investigates how these social actors deal with empowering conditions as well as restrictive situations. Foregrounding contemporary scholars' diverse disciplinary, theoretical and methodological approaches, this book problematizes and complicates the discursive and lived interactions and intersections between gender, fashion, spirituality, religion, class, and ethnicity. It will be relevant to a broad audience of researchers across gender, sociology of religion, Islamic and fashion studies. Viola Thimm is Professorial Candidate (Habilitation) at the Institute of Anthropology, University of Heidelberg (Germany). A cultural anthropologist, her research interests include cultural practices of mobility, gender relations and intersectionality, and Islam and its socio-cultural entanglements.

This brand new textbook covers all of the core topics found on Introduction to Management modules, and the author's clear, accessible writing style guides students through the world of management. The book also goes a step further to encourage students to develop a critical mindset and think about academic debates around the subject. Innovative Skillsets linked to each substantive chapter integrate practical skills with the topics. Skills such as time management, critical analysis, referencing, personal development planning and reviewing literature are included. Clear, step-by-step guidance helps students develop each skill, understand why it is important, and see how the topic is relevant to practical applications in the real world of business. A truly international range of case studies broadens students' horizons and encourages them to look beyond the standard examples from the UK and America. Emerging markets are

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becoming ever more important in the rapidly changing business environment, a fact reflected by the inclusion of case studies from the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. Key features Designed to help boost students' academic grades and employability through the provision of integrated Skillsets, which link practical skills with topics in the textbook. These innovative features also clearly demonstrate the relevance of the theoretical material to the real world. A truly international range of case studies broadens students' horizons and encourages them to look beyond the standard set of UK and American examples. Emerging economies are given more attention with detailed analysis of case studies from the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. Case studies analyse service and manufacturing industries, not-for-profit organisations as well as public and private companies. Entrepreneurs, managers and leaders are also covered to provide students with management insights from key practitioners from a range of sectors. Critical reflection boxes encourage students to develop a critical mindset and consider the academic debates behind the theories. A range of online resources to give students more insight into management. Detailed podcast interviews with practitioners expand upon the features in the textbook, and a library of video links offers a variety of contemporary and stimulating material to engage students.

Who captures the value created in global supply chains? How should gaps in value capture among participants be amended and by whom? Focusing on the global apparel supply chain and employing value creation as a yardstick for evaluation of value capture, the book documents distortions in value distribution among global brands, manufacturers, labor, and consumers. It develops a novel approach for correcting for these distortions by creating a market for social justice that is based on interdependence relationships among the participants.

This book is an invaluable repository of knowledge that brings clarity to key issues and trends for practitioners, academics and students of luxury brands. It sets out to decode the luxury markets in the primary emerging markets (BRICs) and provide a rich resume of the key factors that influence the effectiveness of luxury brand strategies.

This volume explores recent advances in network research, strengthening theorizing on social structures and meaning in and between organizational networks. The volume will interest researchers seeking to explain organizational phenomena through the analysis of communications and information from archival/secondary electronic sources.

Drawing upon substantial research this book presents the essential leadership models and equips practitioners with tools for developing executive coaches and working with business leaders. This second edition includes new chapters on Executive Stress Coaching and Coaching Across the Gender Divide.

This is the first academic study of sneakers and the subculture that surrounds them. Since the 1980s, American sneaker enthusiasts, popularly known as "sneakerheads" or "sneakerholics", have created a distinctive identity for themselves, while sneaker manufacturers such as Reebok, Puma and Nike have become global fashion brands. How have sneakers come to gain this status and what makes them fashionable? In what ways are sneaker subcultures bound up with gender identity and why are sneakerholics mostly young men? Based on the author's own ethnographic fieldwork in New York, where sneaker subculture is said to have originated, this unique study traces the transformation of sneakers from sportswear to fashion symbol. Sneakers explores the obsessions and idiosyncrasies surrounding the sneaker phenomenon, from

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competitive subcultures to sneaker painting and artwork. It is a valuable contribution to the growing study of footwear in fashion studies and will appeal to students of fashion theory, gender studies, sociology, and popular culture.

Edited by François Depelteau and Christopher Powell, this volume and its companion, *Conceptualizing Relational Sociology: Ontological and Theoretical Issues*, addresses fundamental questions about what relational sociology is and how it works.

D\_Tex is proposed as a hub around which it is possible to look at textiles in their different forms, in order to better understand, study, adapt and project them for the future. It is intended to build a flow of ideas and concepts so that participants can arrive at new ideas and concepts and work them in their own way, adapting them to their objectives and research. D\_Tex is intended as a space for sharing and building knowledge around textile material in order to propose new understandings and explorations. Present in all areas of knowledge, the textile material bets on renewed social readings and its evolutions to constantly reinvent itself and enable innovative cultural and aesthetic dimensions and unexpected applications to solve questions and promote new knowledge. D\_Tex proposes to promote discussion and knowledge in the different areas where textiles, with all their characteristics, can ensure an important contribution, combining material and immaterial knowledge, innovative and traditional techniques, technological and innovative materials and methods, but also new organization and service models, different concepts and views on teaching. With the renewed idea of the intrinsic interdisciplinarity of design and sharing with different areas that support each other, the research and practice of textiles was proposed by the D\_TEX Textile Design Conference 2019, held June 19-21, 2019 at the Lisbon School of Architecture of the University of Lisbon, Portugal under the theme "In Touch" where, as broadly understood as possible, different areas of textiles were regarded as needing to keep in touch with each other and end users in order to promote and share the best they can offer for the welfare of their users and consumers.

From a rare insider's point of view, *Unveiling Grace* looks at how Latter-day Saints are "wooing our country" with their religion, lifestyle, and culture. It is also a gripping story of how an entire family, deeply enmeshed in Mormonism, found their way out and what they can tell others about their lives as faithful Mormons.

Kets de Vries profiles a range of toxic executives the narcissist, psychopath, cold fish, obsessive-compulsive, and many more, offering coaches examples of interventions that have worked and those that haven't, to help coaches deal with difficult people and become more effective.

Consumption research is burgeoning across a wide range of disciplines. The *Routledge Handbook on Consumption* gathers experts from around the world to provide a nuanced overview of the latest scholarship in this expanding field. At once ambitious and timely, the volume provides an ideal map for those looking to position their work, find new analytic insights and identify research gaps. With an intuitive thematic structure and resolutely international outlook, it engages with theory and methodology; markets and businesses; policies, politics and the state; and culture and everyday life. It will be essential reading for students and scholars across the social and economic sciences.

The first monograph published on the acclaimed fashion house celebrates a brand famous for its lustrous fabrics and artisanal quality. Gimmo Etro founded the

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eponymous fashion company in 1968 with the launch of a range of fabrics made with noble and natural fibers embellished with original designs via an innovative color process. The company's signature paisley motif appeared in its first collection and quickly became an iconic design element. In 1981, Etro expanded into textiles for upholstered furniture, and leather goods were added in 1984 with a bag and valise collection in paisley jacquard fabric. In 1985, Etro launched the home accessories and complements collection, thus consolidating the brand's lifestyle concept. The 1990s saw the unveiling of the first men's and women's prêt-à-porter collections, their inventive and recherché style earning the label instant recognition. The materials and a special talent with prints are what make Etro unique and inimitable. The Etro family began using textiles and fashion as a mode of art as well as expression. Originally identified primarily with Gimmo, the founder, today the company is managed by the four children.

AXIOM AWARD WINNER IN LEADERSHIP In *Lead Your Tribe, Love Your Work*, Piyush Patel offers an insider's perspective on how to unify your team around a common purpose by uncovering your core values and transforming your culture. With over 20 years of entrepreneurial experience, Piyush has discovered that—while leaders can provide opportunities—real culture comes from the heart. Using real-life examples and practical takeaways, *Lead Your Tribe, Love Your Work* is the ultimate guide to creating a tribe to lead and a workplace you love. Piyush challenges readers to rethink their current paths, unveiling:

- The business-owner wake-up call: How to tell when your company culture is failing and what to do to fix it
- The key to employee retention is BAM—Belonging, Affirmation, and Meaning
- Secrets to successful onboarding: How to make new employees feel like they already belong
- Constructive “uncomfortable” conversations: Tips for getting positive results from conflict
- Four questions to ask your employees to get a pulse on your company's culture
- When successful businesses happen to poor leaders: Identify negative initiatives and reshape your company before it's too late
- How to spot the difference between ‘real’ and ‘faux’ culture: Why a company with perks can still be toxic

As a business owner or leader, *Lead Your Tribe, Love Your Work* will challenge you to take control of your culture and create a thriving company that's built for longevity.

Beauty seems simple; we know it when we see it. But of course our ideas about what is attractive are influenced by a broad range of social and economic factors, and in *Beauty and Business* leading historians set out to provide this important cultural context. How have retailers shaped popular consciousness about beauty? And how, in turn, have cultural assumptions influenced the commodification of beauty? The contributors here look to particular examples in order to address these questions, turning their attention to topics ranging from the social role of the African American hair salon, and the sexual dynamics of bathing suits and shirtcollars, to the deeper meanings of corsets and what the Avon lady tells us about changing American values. As a whole, these essays force us to reckon with the ways that beauty has been made, bought, and sold in modern America.

This is the first edited collection of its kind to analyse the distinct but overlapping topics of dress, costume, sport and leisure history. For researchers of bodily adornment and movement, sport and costume history are both primarily concerned with industrial practice and embodied experience. The ways in which bodies are adorned, embellished



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and clothed (or revealed) highlights the hybrid nature of dress history, encompassing as it does the everyday clothing solutions of the mass of people and the unusual or more ceremonial aspects of costume, as well as elite high fashion. Although this is as yet an under-researched area, there are an increasing number of fashion and clothing undergraduate and postgraduate courses that specialise in sport and leisurewear. This publication is intended to give an introductory overview of the historical and contemporary issues as it does for the growing number of sport marketing and sports studies courses concerned with dress, costume history and branding. This book was published as a special issue of *Sport in History*.

In the shops of London's Oxford Street, girls wear patterned scarves over their hair as they cluster around makeup counters. Alongside them, hip twenty-somethings style their head-wraps in high black topknots to match their black boot-cut trousers. Participating in the world of popular mainstream fashion—often thought to be the domain of the West—these young Muslim women are part of an emergent cross-faith transnational youth subculture of modest fashion. In treating hijab and other forms of modest clothing as fashion, Reina Lewis counters the overuse of images of veiled women as "evidence" in the prevalent suggestion that Muslims and Islam are incompatible with Western modernity. *Muslim Fashion* contextualizes modest wardrobe styling within Islamic and global consumer cultures, interviewing key players including designers, bloggers, shoppers, store clerks, and shop owners. Focusing on Britain, North America, and Turkey, Lewis provides insights into the ways young Muslim women use multiple fashion systems to negotiate religion, identity, and ethnicity.

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*Visual Culture* is a primary resource of key statements on photographic meaning, representation and visual culture that draws upon the works of a wide range of influential scholars and thinkers including Barthes, Sontag, Baudrillard and Mulvey. Most consumers of luxury products and services use them as status symbols – symbols of success. However, the definition of success – and the way it is perceived by others – is changing. Increasingly, consumers want the brands they use to address growing concerns that luxury products invariably come at a heavy social and environmental cost. The luxury industry faces its biggest challenge yet in satisfying an emerging demand of successful consumerism – products that meet high environmental, social and ethical standards. This collection sees internationally renowned fashion, luxury and sustainability experts come together to explore the challenges faced - and solutions developed - by luxury goods companies in sourcing, producing and marketing luxury products. *Sustainable Luxury: Managing Social and Environmental Performance in Iconic Brands* represents the most comprehensive collection of current writing on the nascent relationship between sustainability and luxury. It will be essential reading for academics researching sustainable development in the fashion and luxury industries and it will provide invaluable guidance for practitioners seeking the latest research to help them meet consumer demand for sustainable goods and services.

An exploration how consumer goods in eighteenth-century Qing and Ottoman empires furthered the expansion of social networks, the creation of alliances between rulers and regional elites, and particularly, the expression of elite, urban, and gender identities. Through the lens of the fashion industry, Iva Petkova explores not only how institutionalized organizations react and adapt to the rise of start-up outsiders, but also

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how these outside “disruptors” seek to cultivate legitimacy and win influence. In so doing, she reflects upon a longstanding question in the sociology of organizations and neo-institutional theory: How do institutionalized organizations in creative industries resolve the inherent conflict between art and commerce, particularly in a changing institutional environment? Engineering Legitimacy outlines the processes through which e-commerce and social commerce companies in fashion disturb and reconstruct the industry, crosscutting their technical field of expertise and looking to legitimize their innovative practice in the institutionally elaborated field of fashion. Through an analysis of the emerging culture of innovation collectively created by start-up outsider disruptors, this book contemplates how fashion-technology companies transform their moral narratives into acceptable commercial practice, legitimating a model of profound institutional change over the digital operations of fashion companies.

Unknowingly, Beatriz threw her life away when she decided to marry someone from an entirely different background, immersing herself in a third cultural environment. She deeply believed that in the name of love she could change and leave the world she had known behind. As time passes, Beatriz finds herself struggling in an oppressive relationship and her very sense of self begins to slip away. Beatriz needs to face her problems, but she is afraid to do so. Eventually, she realizes that if she continues to do nothing she will lose hope and die. Perseverance and courage took over her and Beatriz started unveiling her own truth. To make a mistake is to be human. Resilience, courage, optimism, and faith are vital. Forgiveness is divine.

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