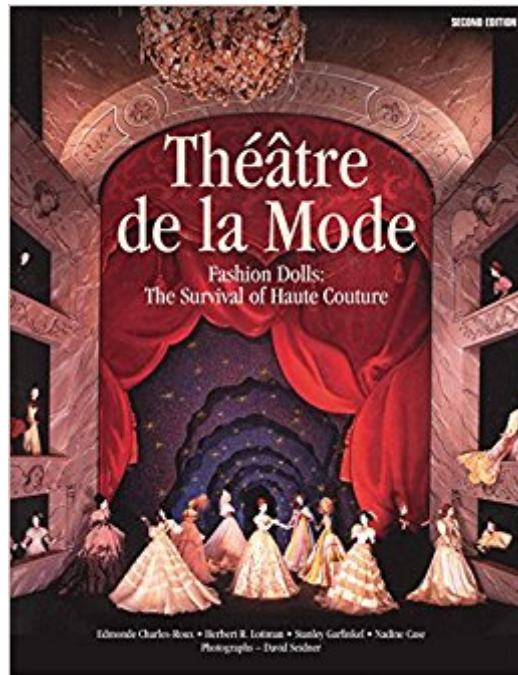




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Théâtre De La Mode: Fashion Dolls: The Survival Of Haute Couture



Synopsis

Harnessing the romance of the world of fashion and high art, this fascinating story of a collection of miniature mannequins describes the birth of Theatre de la Mode, the Theater of Fashion. Full of stars such as Robert Ricci (Nina Ricci's son), filmmaker Jean Cocteau, and other members of the 1944 haute couture industry, the story follows 237 miniature fashion dolls through their epic tour of Europe and North America, bringing fashion, elegance, and beauty into a war-torn world. Also included are new colour photographs of the mannequins, the reconstructed sets, and close-up details of clothing so sewers, designers, and fashion mavens can appreciate the creativity of Paris designers at the end of World War II.

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Edmonde Charles-Roux, nee le 17 avril 1920 a Neuilly-sur-Seine, est une femme de lettres francaise. Elle a egalement ete la conjointe de Gaston Defferre ancien maire de Marseille. Elle recoit le prix Goncourt en 1966 pour le roman Oublier Palerme. David Seidner's photographs have been featured in "Vanity Fair," French "Vogue," Italian "Vogue," and the "New York Times Magazine." He wrote extensively on art for French "Vogue" and was a contributing editor to the art magazine "BOMB." In 1999, he won the Eisenstaedt Award for Portrait Photography awarded by "Life" magazine and Columbia University. Over the last twenty years, Seidner had a dozen solo exhibitions and participated in group exhibitions at the Whitney Museum and the Centre Pompidou in Paris. His recent untimely death from AIDS has generated a tremendous amount of media attention for his body of work. La Maison Europeenne de la Photographie in Paris, which has 150 of

his photographs in their permanent collection, will hold a retrospective of his work in 2000. Herbert R. Lottman is the author of numerous books, including biographies of Camus, Flaubert and Jules Verne. He lives in Paris. David Seidner's photographs have been featured in "Vanity Fair," French "Vogue," Italian "Vogue," and the "New York Times Magazine." He wrote extensively on art for French "Vogue" and was a contributing editor to the art magazine "BOMB." In 1999, he won the Eisenstaedt Award for Portrait Photography awarded by "Life" magazine and Columbia University. Over the last twenty years, Seidner had a dozen solo exhibitions and participated in group exhibitions at the Whitney Museum and the Centre Pompidou in Paris. His recent untimely death from AIDS has generated a tremendous amount of media attention for his body of work. La Maison Europeenne de la Photographie in Paris, which has 150 of his photographs in their permanent collection, will hold a retrospective of his work in 2000.

I first found out about these dolls when I visited the Merryhill Musuem in Washington state. It was fascinating to me to see these dolls and the story behind them. I love fashion so it was particularly enjoyable to me to have this book and be able to view the perfect reproductions of these 1940's fashions. I real find!

This is a great book, the pictures are wonderfully done depicting the exhibit and the costumes. There are large photos and a catalog of the collection. I did not find the pictures small. I have found myself inspired by the attention to detail in each piece. The use of texture and color have improved my own designs. As an example of the art post WW2, this is a book worth having. If you are sewing for fashion dolls, humans or are a student of history this is a wonderful book worth having,

Excellent book for anyone teaching Fashion through the ages. Recommended for understanding how France necame a leader in style.and fashion.Helene Sanko

Whatever your interest that led you to this book, you must purchase it. You'll find yourself studying this book from cover to cover, over and over. The little dolls and their story are mesmerizing.

Most interesting and informative for those of us who love the history of dolls

I saw an article about these dolls, that had a few tantalizing photos. I am so glad I found this catalog of the show. The fashions are presented on 29" dolls, in a theater setting, and there are so many of

them, I have to keep going back to look again. The story behind their creation is equally interesting.

Amazing history and beautiful images of the Theater de la Mode.

Love these dolls

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