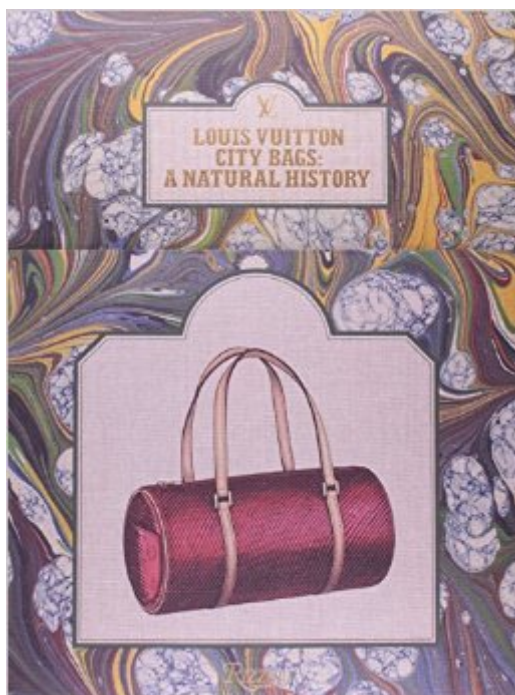


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# Louis Vuitton City Bags: A Natural History



## Synopsis

This volume is an unprecedented history of Louis Vuitton's women's bags, the most coveted line of accessories in women's fashion. At the heart of Louis Vuitton are its City Bags, a range of women's bags that dates back to the turn of the twentieth century. Featuring the trademark monograms of the house, the City Bag story began with the Steamer, a resort bag designed in 1901 to be packed inside a much larger steamer trunk. These bags have in a hundred years formally diversified into a dizzying array of handbags for every conceivable function demanded by the modern woman. Profoundly influential, City Bags are now known to millions by their descriptive names (Keepall, Bucket, Papillon, Alma, Locket, Noe, Speedy) and are still evolving into more fantastical forms. Lavishly illustrated with new and archival photography, historical graphics, landmark editorials, and ad campaigns, the volume traces the history of these specific bag families, and examines the earliest specimens and today's most sought-after collectibles, including Vuitton's collaborations with Takashi Murakami, Stephen Sprouse, Richard Prince, Yayoi Kusama, and Rei Kawakubo and one-off projects by Zaha Hadid, Shigeru Ban, Vivienne Westwood, Helmut Lang, Andr e Putman, and of course, Marc Jacobs. Louis Vuitton: City Bags is an ambitious volume on the creation and cultivation of a cultural phenomenon.

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My friend is an LV collector - I couldn't afford to buy her a handbag, but this book was the perfect gift. It's pricey enough that most people won't purchase it for themselves, and perusing the beautiful illustrations will keep the LV aficionado occupied for hours!

Any LV fan will love this book. A huge hardcover book with detailed history on the different bags that came to exist today. Many wonderful colour pictures of old and new bags. Price is right.

i flipped through this book while at my local bookstore, while i love the rich photographs and wonderful writing, i was hesitant to pay \$80+ for it (or \$130+ at LV...!). after a quick search on and thanks to their 30% discount, i was able to get it for less than \$50. the book arrived nicely packaged and i really enjoy reading it.

For those of us whose purchases of LV bags are few and far between, this is the perfect bridge of that gap of exquisite torture between yearning and finally acquiring a coveted LV bag. The book is loaded with full page spreads of the classic city bags, many are of model/celebrity and advertisement shots. Don't think I can do it justice with my review... this book is massive, chock-full of images and facts. It has plenty of diagrams, sketches and pictures of swatches. The Louis Vuitton fan will find many hours worth of enjoyable perusing in this book. The only minor quibble are the pages where they amass all the "(re)incarnations" of a single bag in its history (i.e. Speedy in Mono, Camouflage, etc). All the multiple images of the same bag are crammed onto one "Biodiversity" page each and unfortunately the bags with the most versions are too small to show all their glorious details together. These clearly are worthy of a fold-out page. There IS one double-fold section near the front and it is a "Genealogy" of the Louis Vuitton line of city bags. If you like any of the classic city bags shown on the cover, you should splurge and escape a bit into Louis Vuitton City Bags: A Natural History. It's like opening up a box of chocolates...

Wife loves it and it adds to her collection of LV purses and other stuff. Personally, 50+ bucks is obscene to pay for a book, however she loves it so it was worth it for her b/day. It's rather large (positive) and the quality is there, so if you or your SO are as obsessed over LV as my wife is you'll/they'll love it.

A great addition to any lover of Louis Vuitton and the luxury products that the house inspired. It is a teaching tool for me as I work for them. For the novice it is a must have. Fantastic bits of information to relish and fawn over. The book is luxurious and beautiful.

This is a great reference book for the Louis Vuitton fan. I thought it was reasonably priced at about

\$53. It is a large, high quality, heavy coffee table book. I enjoyed reading stories of the evolution/history of the city bags.

This handbook is for a true Louis Vuitton Collector! It goes in to great detail about how, when & where the City Bags were made. It even shows old to new bags in different styles (Speedy, Alma, Lockit, etc...) A great gift idea too!

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