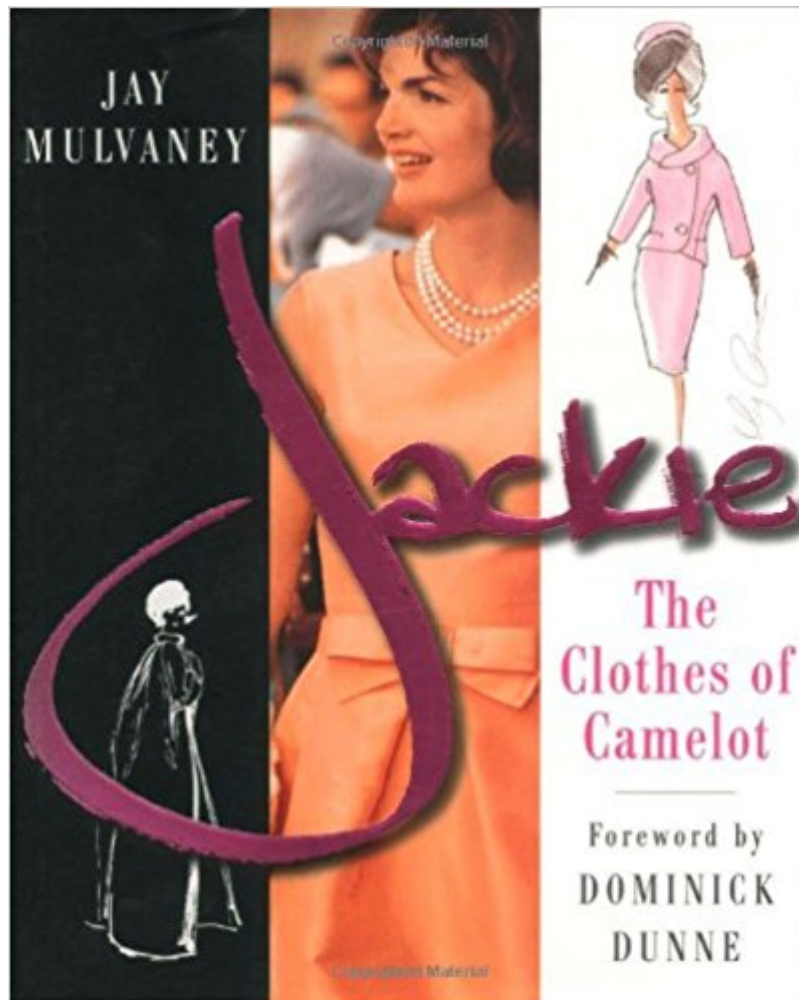


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Jackie: The Clothes Of Camelot



Synopsis

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis is the ultimate American fashion icon. Jay Mulvaney, author of *Kennedy Weddings*, celebrates her unique style in this lavishly illustrated book. *JACKIE: The Clothes of Camelot* is a richly illustrated history of those magical years when the Kennedys captivated a nation and the world. Her glamour was electric, her style imaginative, and the effect was brilliant. Jacqueline Kennedy's fashions from the White House years, over two hundred outfits, are illustrated with three hundred photographs, in both black and white and color, many previously unpublished or rarely seen. Also included are photographs of jewelry and accessories as well as memorabilia, all exploring the continuing impact of Jackie's fashion sensibility on our culture. The range of illustrations and text is broad, including: Early Fashion Influences The Inauguration Ensembles Gowns for State Events The Wardrobe for State Visits Abroad Private Living and Casual Wear French Designers: Haute Couture in the White House November 1963 Mrs. Onassis and the Post-Camelot Years *JACKIE: The Clothes of Camelot* is a striking portrait of an unforgettable fashion legend.

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Customer Reviews

JACKIE THE CLOTHES OF CAMELOT is a work of perfection from the very first page (when you open the book there are some gorgeous "extra" photos of Jackie to the very last page where there's a very touching picture of Jackie taken a few days before her death...looking peaceful, serene and beautiful. I've read all three of the books that have recently come out on this subject and, while they

all are good, this one is the BEST BY FAR. Jacqueline Kennedy the White House Years, the official catalogue, is just that, a catalogue, and not a book and it doesn't include MOST of the clothes that Jackie wore during her time in the White House. What's even more confusing is that the book doesn't include all of the interesting documentation about her work in the White House that is included in the exhibit at the Met. Why is that I wonder? And Jackie Style is a stylish book, but a little to flip for my taste and it barely skims the surface of Jackie's extraordinary life and has a sparse set of photographs, although some of them are rarely seen, it's because they frankly aren't that good...But this book is wonderful...dozens and dozens of wonderful photographs, with vivid color and including her entire White House years, a look at her early years and the fashion influences that helped shape her style. It also includes a section on her post-Camelot years where we can see Jackie age so gracefully...Then there are the stories of her life, and her remarkable contributions to American culture and history. These stories are so interesting, written with wit, insight and a lot of inside information. This book is a WINNER!

If you thought that you'd seen or heard everything you could imagine about Jackie Kennedy Onassis, think again...JACKIE THE CLOTHES OF CAMELOT revisits the American Icon with a fresh perspective, a loving eye, and a witty attitude that pays homage to the most intriguing of female residents of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition to her gowns and dress up clothes, there's a chapter on the behind the scenes Jackie, in jeans, Pucci prints and cotton sundresses....even dressed down she was spectacular. The stories that go along with the photographs are alternately funny, bitchy in a nice way and illuminating about some of Jackie's real achievements - saving historic buildings, restoring and redecorating the White House, etc. It's a great book, and at a price that's so affordable, it will make a great gift to those special people on my list...Read this book, you'll enjoy it!

There have been a spate of Jackie wardrobe books out lately, each one tying into this big exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum, but I found this one the most delightful and the most thorough. Some may prefer the more technical aspect of the Met's catalogue, but for me it was too insider...I don't CARE who stitched the hems of her dresses...I much more interested in what she was doing while she wore them, who she invited that night for dinner, how much these fantastic clothes cost poor JFK, how he ranted and railed about it, and all of these "behind the scenes" details that make it seem as you were her ladies maid, right there in the dressing room as she chose the blue chiffon over the mauve silk gazar. A delightful book, truly wonderful, very witty and full of charm. Treat yourself to this

lovely book.

Jay Mulvaney has worked magic in his tribute to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. This book, with a huge number of never before seen photos, is like an illustrated history of the Camelot era...and the book brings the romance, hope and promise of those times back to life, in black and white and vivid color. More than the pictures though, are the words...choice little stories that recount the history behind Jackie's wonderful work in the White House...each "photo caption" (it seems unfair to call them that, they're so much more) is a little vignette that illustrates in words what the photographs show us. Jackie did so much in such a short period of time, and this book captures her magical essence...Truly a MUST HAVE for anyone interested in Jackie, in fashion, in history, in style and beauty.

Reading this book, Jackie the clothes of Camelot, is, to quote from Forrest Gump, like opening a box of chocolates - you never know what you're going to get. But like opening a box of Godiva or some other fancy brand, each sample is a total delight. The format of this book, like a big photo album organized by different chapters (gowns, off-duty clothes, inauguration costumes, etc.) enables the reader to move back and forth over those wonderful days when Jackie captivated America with her charm, intelligence and beauty. These photographs are wonderful, so many in vivid color, and the stories that go along with them are smart, witty and interesting. I especially loved the wit of Jacqueline Kennedy, who once told a reporter who asked her how many suitcases she was taking on a trip that "that as indiscreet as to ask a lady her age" or when she told her press secretary to say that all of her gorgeous clothes came from the second hand store - NO second hand Rose she, her clothes were made to order from the most brilliant designers and she looked great. One thing I love about photo books about the Kennedys is that they are so happy in these pictures, they are frozen in time before all the sad and tragic things disrupt their lives. Jackie was a brave, intelligent and stylish lady, and this book pays beautiful tribute to her.

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