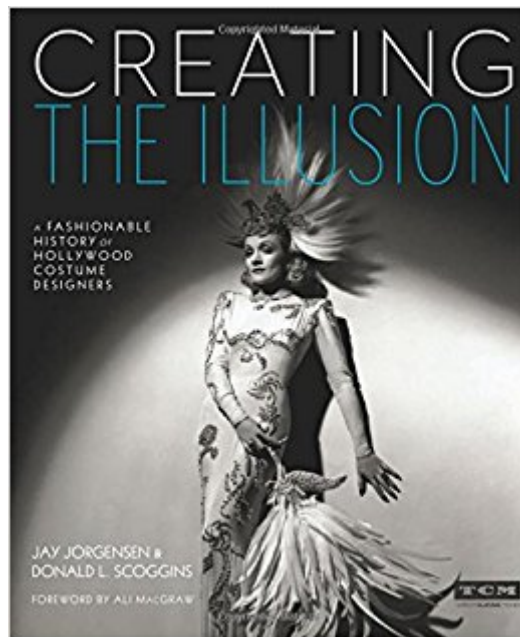




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Creating The Illusion (Turner Classic Movies): A Fashionable History Of Hollywood Costume Designers



Synopsis

Marilyn Monroe made history by standing over a subway grating in a white pleated halter dress designed by William Travilla. Hubert de Givenchy immortalized the Little Black Dress with a single opening scene in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. A red nylon jacket signaled to audiences that James Dean was a Rebel Without a Cause. For more than a century, costume designers have left indelible impressions on moviegoers' minds. Yet until now, so little has been known about the designers themselves and their work to complement and enrich stories through fashion. *Creating the Illusion* presents the history of fashion on film, showcasing not only classic moments from film favorites, but a host of untold stories about the creative talent working behind the scenes to dress the stars from the silent era to the present day. Among the book's sixty-five designer profiles are Clare West, Howard Greer, Adrian, Walter Plunkett, Travis Banton, Irene, Edith Head, Cecil Beaton, Bob Mackie, and Colleen Atwood. The designers' stories are set against the backdrop of Hollywood: how they collaborated with great movie stars and filmmakers; how they maneuvered within the studio system; and how they came to design clothing that remains iconic decades after its first appearance. The array of films discussed and showcased through photos spans more than one hundred years, from draping Rudolph Valentino in exotic 'sheik' dress to the legendary costuming of *Gone with the Wind*, Alfred Hitchcock thrillers, *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Reservoir Dogs*, and beyond. This gloriously illustrated volume includes candid photos of the designers at work, portraits and wardrobe tests of stars in costume, and designer sketches. Drawing from archival material and dozens of new interviews with award-winning designers, authors Jay Jorgensen and Donald L. Scoggins offer a highly informative, lavish, and entertaining history of Hollywood costume design. About TCM: Turner Classic Movies is the definitive resource for the greatest movies of all time. It engages, entertains, and enlightens to show how the entire spectrum of classic movies, movie history, and movie-making touches us all and influences how we think and live today.

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"Jay Jorgensen" is a film and fashion historian and collector. He is the author of "Edith Head: The Fifty-Year Career of Hollywood's Greatest Costume Designer." Jorgensen is also a photographer whose work has been showcased in magazines such as "People" and "TV Guide." He lives in Los Angeles, California.

I'm in heaven right now and not much could improve it! I have been waiting for a book like this for years and I could not be more impressed! It is beautifully designed and laid-out. Fascinating to read and perfectly comprehensive on the designers showcased, with the right amount of text for each. Over and above the fact that it is an essential reference book, it lets you connect to the human side of these designers that you've admired for years, yet knew so little of. These stories vanish as we do but it's good to know that someone took great care to save what he could find over the years, so he could share them with us in such a beautiful package. You will LOVE this book!

I bought this for my mom, but couldn't resist looking at it before I gave it to her - wow! Large size, great pictures, and interesting short bios of Hollywood designers from the silents up to modern times. Excellent buy for film buffs and/or fashionistas. By the way, I also looked at the Kindle edition - this really is at its best as a print book. Even an iPad Air screen doesn't quite match the printed page for the photos.

This book is wonderfully researched and full of great photos. It gives very interesting background on all these Hollywood costume designers, both well known and more obscure. I found it a fascinating read and a terrific addition to my collection of film history books. It's the perfect holiday gift for any classic movie buff.

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