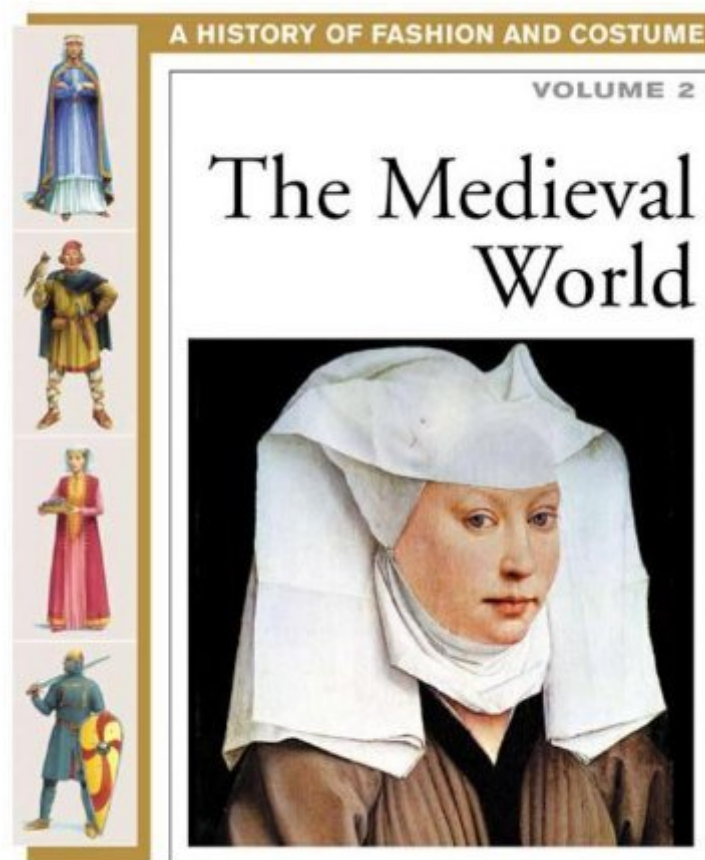




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The Medieval World: Volume 1 (History Of Costume And Fashion)

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Synopsis

A History of Fashion and Costume is an eight-volume set that examines the development of costume and fashion over time - from the earliest cave dwellers to the present - along with the social history that gave rise to it. Introducing readers to the rich world of fashion and dress, this set vividly depicts the changing styles, processes, and trends - from the first people to wear clothes in the last Ice Age to the courtly fashion of medieval Europe to the globalization of Western style - that led us to the clothing of today. Describing both the practical uses of clothing and the highly impractical clothes that have been used throughout history to convey social status, these volumes provide a compelling look at the effects of fashion and costume on society. Each accessible volume describes the fashions of the time, styles and designs, and the changing use of materials. Beautiful illustrations and engaging text examine clothing as well as the jewelry, hairstyles, hats, and footwear that accompanied the fashions and made them unique. Special features in each volume include a foreword written by a fashion industry expert as well as a helpful glossary, timeline, and index.

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Customer Reviews

This is a fantastic book for a avid lover of Medieval England. So many unknown/ untrue facts and

marvelous drawings.

The description gave the impression this book would be more advanced in detail, documentation and descriptions or drawings. It would be a fine book for someone just starting to show interest in clothing of Medieval times (more like a book for a youth). Nothing wrong with it other than that.

This large and attractive book is an excellent introduction into the medieval world of knights and castles. The book is divided into five chapters. Chapter one is entitled The Age of Chivalry discusses medieval times, and how knighthood fitted in. The second chapter, Fortress Homes, discusses how castles were built and how they worked. Chapter three, Castle Life, is all about the daily life of the castle dwellers. In chapter four, Ready For Battle, we learn about medieval warfare and weapons. And finally, in chapter five, End of an Age, we learn about the end of the world of the knights, about other knights in history, and about how the medieval world lives on in tales of chivalry. But, what makes this book so great is that it is literally chockfull with many excellent and brightly colored pictured and exploded diagrams. They really do an excellent job of bringing medieval times to life. (I especially liked the pages on medieval fashion!) This is a great book, one that I found to be very informative, and surprisingly entertaining. Its many bright pictures are excellently drawn, and deserve an award all on their own. I really enjoyed this book, and highly recommend it to anyone interesting in the medieval world!

Beautiful illustrations in a nice soft cover book full of interesting information. Even if you're familiar with the subject matter, it's a fun addition.

My daughter is in 6th grade and needed a good book for their Medieval project: this book is great in terms of quality, texture, substance, illustrations and pictures! We have other books about the Medieval times but this is her favorite source of information and research. It is appealing for kids her age which is great because it makes her want to do her work!

Looks like it will be a great book to go with the knights & their chargers that I got the grandsons for Christmas.

Wonderful book ... great pictures, concise explanations and narrative. Just perfect for my purpose which was to educate students about the Middle Ages.

This book provides a nice overview of medieval times, concentrating on knights and castles. It is full of color illustrations and pictures such as cut-away drawings of castles, town markets, the castle kitchen, and fashions of noblemen. Every other page has a full-page or nearly full-page illustration of some sort. The pages are also jam-packed with text explaining the little details that make history engaging. This would be a wonderful supplement for a study of the middle ages. Chapters include: The Age of Chivalry, Fortress Homes, Castle Life, Ready for Battle

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