



M&Others
Fashion & Motherhood
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- The first-ever international book dedicated exclusively to motherhood in relation to fashion
- The use of iconic imagery enhances its visual appeal. Interviews with fashion designers offer valuable, contemporary insights on the subject
- From the Blessed Virgin, to contemporary fashion experiments that debunk stereotypes, to the testimonies of non-binary parents, surrogacy parents and adoptive parents, from Christian Dior's New Look to the designs of Jacquemus and the regal women who carry off South African Thebe Magugu: the mother figure as a source of inspiration and creativity in fashion is back from... never having left?
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This book offers an in-depth exploration of the relationship between fashion and motherhood, a topic that is explored in detail for the first time. Mothers, mother figures, mentors and family ties are intimately intertwined with fashion history. Many designers reach back to the style of their mother's day, but mums themselves are also a big source of inspiration. Symbolic fashion mothers, such as Jeanne Lanvin, Madeleine Vionnet and Sonia Rykiel, made an artistic mark on the creations of their contemporaries and are still influencing present-day designers. From 1900 onward there was a growing appreciation of the cultural identity of mothers, both in fashion and in society. In 20th and 21st century fashion, this culminated in a veritable celebration of mothers and mother figures.

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