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Historic English Costumes and How to Make Them	Hughes, Talbot		1913/2009	prehistoric to mid-19th	yes	no	no
A History of Costume	Kohler, Carl		1928/1963	ancient to 1870	yes	yes	yes
What People Wore	Gorsline, Douglas		1952	ancient to early 20th	yes	no	no
The Mode in Costume	Wilcox, R. Turner		1958	ancient to mid 20th	yes	no	no
The Book of Costume	Davenport, Millia		1965	ancient to 1870	no	yes	yes
Fashion: The Mirror of History	Batterberry, Michael		1982	ancient to 1980	no	yes	yes
European Costume	Yarwood, Doreen		1982	ancient to 1975	yes	no	no
Costume History and Style	Russell, Douglas		1983	ancient to 1980	yes	yes	yes
Four Hundred Years of Fashion	Rothstein, Nathalie		1984/1996	1600 to 1980	no	no	no

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20,000 Years of Costume	Boucher, Francois		1987	ancient to 1964	no	yes	yes
Fashion in the Western World	Yarwood, Doreen		1992	1500-1990	yes	yes, some	no
Costume 1066-1990s	Peacock, John		1994	1066-1990s	yes	no	no
The Complete History of Costume & Fashion: From Ancient Egypt to the Present Day	Cosgrave, Bronwyn		2001	ancient to late 20th	no	yes	yes
Fashion, A History	Kyoto Costume Institute		2002	18th to 20th	no	yes	yes
Survey of Historic Costume	Tortora, Phyllis G		2005	ancient to late 20th	yes	yes	yes

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Historic English Costumes and How to Make Them	yes	yes	yes	no	instructions on recreating	no	no
A History of Costume	yes	yes	yes, detailed	yes, some	none	yes	no
What People Wore	no	no	yes, some	yes, in back	historical survey, working people clothing	no	no
The Mode in Costume	no	no	yes, some	no	some fabric details	no	no
The Book of Costume	yes, a few	no	yes, detailed	yes	none	yes	no
Fashion: The Mirror of History	no	no	yes	yes, in back	none	yes	no
European Costume	no	no	yes	yes, at end of each chapter	some settings; section on costume museums	yes	yes
Costume History and Style	no	no	yes, a lot	yes, for reproductions but not for line drawings	chronology, some furniture shown	yes	yes, by chapter
Four Hundred Years of Fashion	yes	no	history of this collection rather than of fashion	yes	none	no	yes

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20,000 Years of Costume	yes	no	yes, a lot	yes	maps, chronology, some fabric details	yes	yes
Fashion in the Western World	no	no	yes,some	yes	none	yes	yes
Costume 1066-1990s	no	no	no	no	none	no	no
The Complete History of Costume & Fashion: From Ancient Egypt to the Present Day	no	no	yes	no, just picture credits	none	yes	no
Fashion, A History	yes	no	yes	yes	some fabric details	yes	yes
Survey of Historic Costume	yes, a few	no	yes, mostly info	yes	chronology, some furniture shown	yes	no

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Historic English Costumes and How to Make Them	no	reproduced by Dover in 2009; illustrations dated by range of years	needs to design costumes for community theater	9780486469850	
A History of Costume	no	reproduced by Dover in 1963; large gaps in information	needs to design costumes for community theater	9780517377390	
What People Wore	yes, detailed	consistent scale is helpful	is helping a child with a school report or poster	9780713413397	
The Mode in Costume	yes, minimal	having to flip between context and drawings is a little annoying, but drawings are beautiful	wants to have a bit of a sit-down with a cup of tea	9780517388815	
The Book of Costume	yes, extensive	2 vol. together. Davenport is the queen of annotation; lots of extra info on climate, transportation, food, etc.	is writing a thoroughly researched, dramatic saga that covers centuries	9780131812147	
Fashion: The Mirror of History	yes, minimal	large font, gossipy narrative, large pictures, some in color	wants colorful, memorable narrative, rather than dry, scholarly information	9780517388815	
European Costume	yes	consistent scale is helpful, but jumps between countries confusingly	wants a good overview, with clear source info for further research	9780517377390	
Costume History and Style	yes, detailed	not the best line drawings	needs setting info as well as costume	9780713456851	
Four Hundred Years of Fashion	no		is interested in how museum collections grow	978185771165	

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20,000 Years of Costume	yes, by chapter	very much like Davenport, covers more geographical area and more social classes	wants all Davenport's book offers, plus color	9780810916937	
Fashion in the Western World	yes	less detail on early info, more detail on recent fashion than in Yarwood's other book	wants a quick overview	9780500277911	
Costume 1066-1990s	yes, minimal	red drawings, dark labels, not labeled by year	has absolutely no other choices	9780873385121	
The Complete History of Costume & Fashion: From Ancient Egypt to the Present Day	yes	giant full-color pictures, but not dated by year, only era, and really, really well-known pictures	has to sit still for a while, maybe under a hair dryer, or waiting for their nails to dry	9781851771165	
Fashion, A History	yes	2 volumes published as one; big full-color pictures	wants hours of unmitigated happiness and years of inspiration	9780810916937	
Survey of Historic Costume	yes	really sticks to its outline	is looking for info on a specific topic	9780816045747	