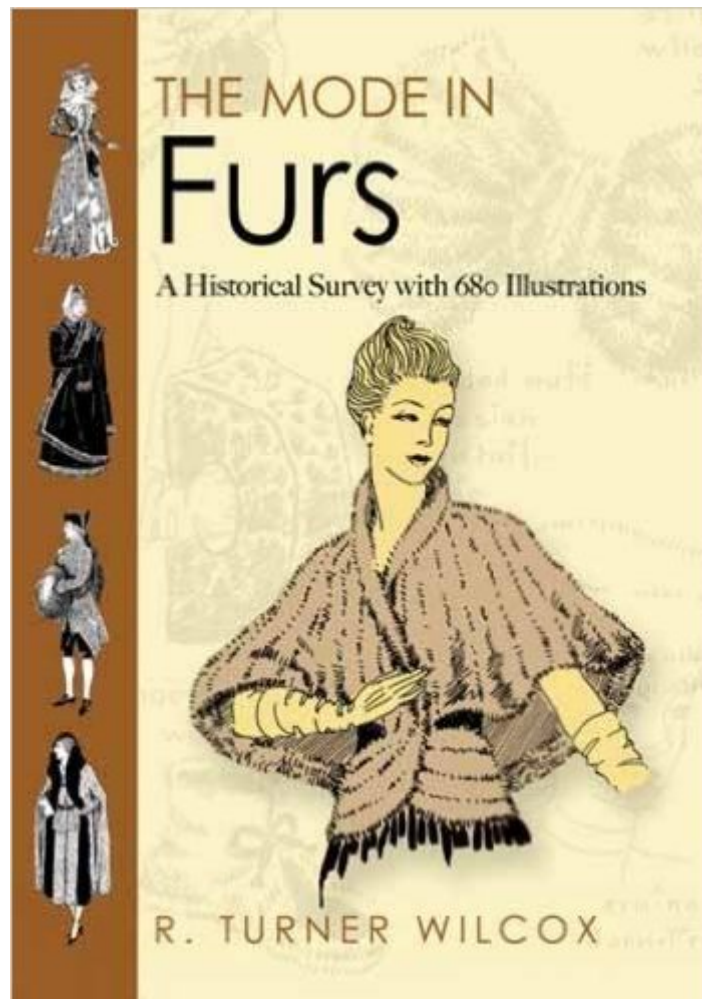


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Synopsis

From prehistoric garments to modern high-fashion designs, this unique survey traces the history of furs and fur accessories. R. Turner Wilcox, a former fashion editor for *Women's Wear Daily*, begins with practical uses of reindeer hides and bearskins for warmth during the Stone Age. Advancing to the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Rome, she defines fur's role as a status symbol during the Renaissance and its eventual adoption by wearers outside the aristocracy. The 680 drawings that illustrate this volume depict furs of all times and places: panther skins of Egyptian high priests, ermine mantles of French queens, sealskin trousers of Alaskan Eskimos, and raccoon coats of American college students. Chronological entries include introductions for each era, and a helpful glossary of furs features images of their animal sources. Professional designers and costumers as well as amateurs with an interest in furs will find this volume a valuable reference.

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This book gives a good history of styles of fur garments. There are no patterns or instructions of how the styles are put together, but I'm happy I have it. It's a good reference for when I need to design something for a particular era.

Even those who oppose the wearing of fur must admit that for thousands of years it was probably the best way human beings had of keeping warm in the wintertime. This long-awaited reprint of a nearly 60-year-old book tells the story of furs and how people wore them, beginning with "From Earliest Times Through Byzantine" and continuing, by way of seven chapters, to the 20th Century.

Each chapter tells of the history of furs within its time period and something of styles, which is amplified by several pages of finely detailed pen-and-ink sketches that show how men and women, barbarians and civilized folk, used them. If you're at all curious about furs in dress, this is the book you need.

I found this book a 5 star book, filled with illustration, years given when fur in fashion. If you are a lover of fur and fashion, you will love this book. I use it a lot for looking up furs that I need info. on, it has detail drawings on each fur. When I bought the first ones printed in 1951 and 1990's I paid a lot because they were out of print. Now the new ones came out, by Turner Wilcox. YA! I got them to. Now every one of fashion and shoes, you will love all of them.

Used to have the original hardcovers of all of these, but someone stole them from my shop.

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