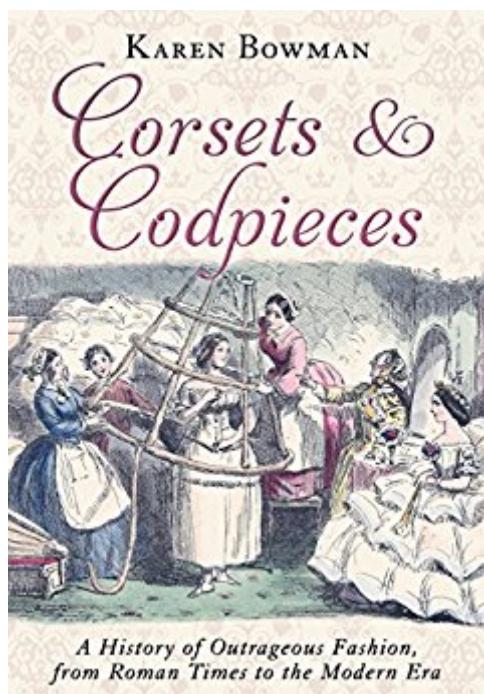


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# Corsets And Codpieces: A History Of Outrageous Fashion, From Roman Times To The Modern Era



## Synopsis

Have you ever wondered why we wear the type of clothes we do? Packed with outlandish outfits, this exciting history of fashion trends reveals the flamboyant fashions adopted (and discarded) by our ancestors. In the days before cosmetic surgery, people used bum rolls and bombastic breeches to augment their figures, painted their faces with poisonous concoctions, and doused themselves with scent to cover body odor. Take a fresh look at history's hidden fashion disasters and discover the stories behind historical garments: How removing a medieval woman's headdress could reveal her as a harlot. Why Tudor men traded in their oversized codpieces for corsets. How crinoline caused a spate of shoplifting among Victorian ladies. Karen Bowman charts our sartorial history from the animal skins first used to cover our modesty and show off hunting skills, right up to the twentieth-century drive for practicality and comfort. *Corsets and Codpieces* is a fascination read for history buffs and fashionistas alike. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a *New York Times* bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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This book is a wealth of info concerning fashion and how it was shaped by the times. Some trends were practical...like trousers for women factory workers while others were ridiculous...like skirts too wide for doorways. I enjoyed this look at history and fashion.

Eg. Where term pickpocket came from! The importance of various colors. How war and economic factors influenced fashion. How men had so much to say about womens fashions including hair.

I really enjoyed this book. Lots of lovely images and a quick read. A fun reminder that the best thing about the good old days is that they are gone!

The title says it all! This book is an easy read when you want some amusement. I read it when waiting for appointments.

I love historical books - especially books about clothing. Super interesting.

Fascinating but, because of the tiny font, get out your reading glasses!

Nice overview. I have enjoyed looking at it.

Entertaining, arcane and revealing

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