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Besides numerous historical costumes the book shows creations from fashion designers such as Azzedine Alaïa, Walter van Beirendonck, Comme des Garçons, Dior, Jean Paul Gaultier, Romeo Gigli, Eva Gronbach, Hermès, Ja! Jungs, Karl Lagerfeld für Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, Moschino, Thierry Mugler, Dries van Noten, Paco Rabanne, Darja Richter, Strenesse Gabriele Strehle, A.F. Vandevorst, Vivienne Westwood, and others.