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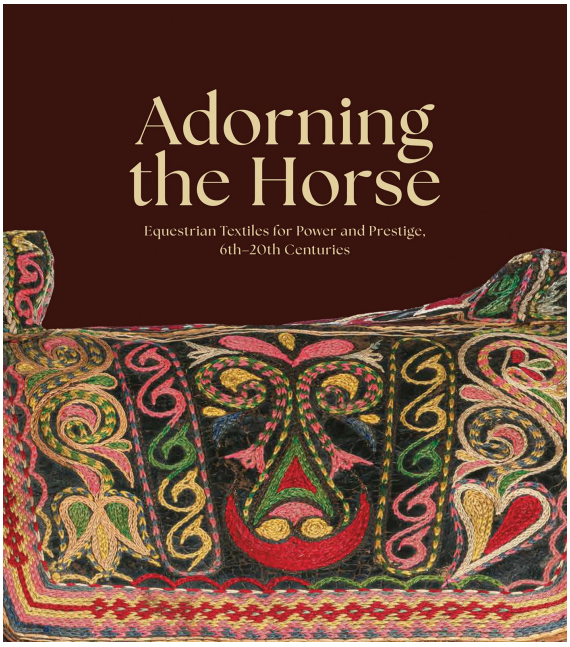

Adorning the Horse

Equestrian Textiles for Power and Prestige, 6th–20th Centuries

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- Never seen before museum pieces
- Highlights of textile art
- A must for all horse lovers
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For millennia, horses have captivated humans with their beauty, strength and majesty. From Türkiye to Japan, civilizations have elaborately costumed these prized animals. A magnificent selection of saddle blankets, horse covers and other equestrian textiles from the past 1,300 years communicates the significance and status of horses and their riders.

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