



African Costumes and Textiles

From the Berbers to the Zulus

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- This book is a tribute to the creativity of the peoples of Africa, in particular to its weavers, and presents magnificent textiles and accessories in 300 full-color photographs

Celebrating African costumes and textiles, this volume draws on historical and modern pieces from the Zaira and Marcel Mis Collection. The extraordinary works exemplify the craftsmanship of highly skilled African weavers and provide insight into the lives and culture of various ethnic groups. The book presents a variety of costumes, textiles, and accessories used for everyday wear and for special celebrations, and explores the different techniques, influences, and meanings behind these colorful works of art. The essays describe the history of the development of these techniques and the richness of the symbolism in this form of cultural heritage. The superb photography showcases the splendour of these intricate and exquisite textiles.

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