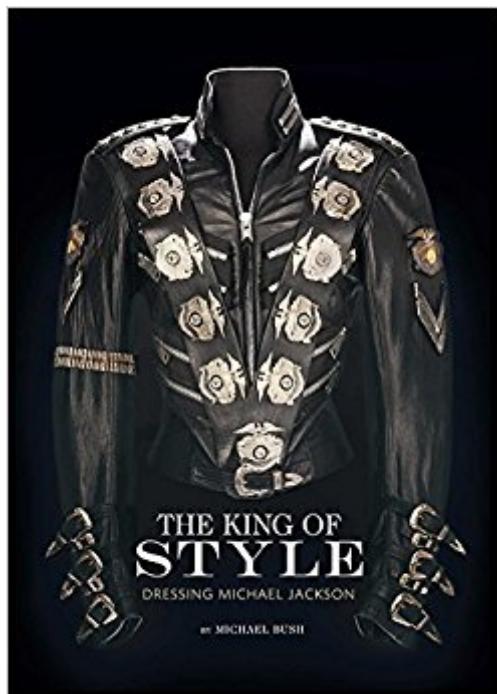


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The King Of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson



Synopsis

The King of Style: Dressing Michael Jackson is a fascinating look at the intersection of music and fashion, as well as an homage to Michael Jackson's brilliant fusing of costume, personality, and performance to create his iconic image. Through his music, dance, and fashion, Michael Jackson created a mystique that was unique to him and recognized as such throughout the world. For five decades he mesmerized audiences—and for twenty-five of those years Michael Bush was there as Jackson's designer, stylist, and friend, accompanying the King of Pop on his journey to becoming the King of Style. While paying homage to the original Billie Jean, Beat It, and Thriller looks that put Jackson on the fashion map, The King of Style also traces their evolution over several decades. Jackson's penchant for the military silhouette is explored in detail, along with the trade secrets behind the sequined glove and the fencing uniform that he, Michael Bush, and Dennis Tompkins reinvented to make stage magic. It was Bush who dressed Jackson for the final time, before he was buried. Dozens of garments were left unfinished by his shocking death. The legacy of Michael Jackson lives on. An artist like none other, he transformed everything he touched—from the fabric of his clothes to his legions of fans around the world.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Bush worked personally with Michael Jackson for 25 years to create some of the most original and indelible clothing ever worn by a musical performer. Using his professional background in theatrical costume construction and dance, they created thousands of custom artistic pieces that captured the essence of a one-of-a-kind pop star. He lives in Hollywood, CA.

This book was really great -- especially for any MJ fan! This had many insights into his wardrobe and his style. It reveals many iconic items and reveals the story behind them, for example the arm band -- I won't reveal the real answer. Of the letters CTE during the History Period.... So many things I thought I knew, were confirmed or denied by this book and many things I assumed as well. It has loads of pictures and drawings, and also explains why the author had all the pictures and drawings. One of my favorites that I will reveal is about the importance of putting all the tour outfits in exact order, otherwise, half way through, by the time Beat it was on set...his pants had to be almost two inches smaller around the waist because by that time, he had already lost 5 pounds of water weight from performing!! No magic in pants falling down! ha ha - It also explains where many of the designs were influenced from like a movie...or historical figure. And also little tricks on the clothing to make it look perfect or move a certain way like his tie, but don't touch the shoes!!! Or innovative ideas like silver boots, or eccentric ideas of his Crown.

If you're a super-fan like me I'm sure you might have turned your nose at all the books that have been written about Michael since his death. They are in such a positive tone as if they were always there for him and such and such. This is not the case with this wonderful book! You can read in the tone of the book that Michael Bush and Dennis Tompkins truly loved working with Michael and creating with him. The never-before-told stories in this book is enough to make any MJ fan excited. You get a behind-the-scenes look at some of Michael's most iconic outfits as well as variations of classic designs that you can't help but love. This book grabs the attention of others who are not super-fans like myself just due to the amazing style of Michael's dress. If you're looking for a great look into how Michael's iconic jackets were manufactured and tailored to him then please purchase this.

Michael Bush did it he talks about all of Michael's iconic styles and how they came about, I got the book this afternoon and even though I didn't feel good possibly the flu, I almost finished the book. He tells great stories about how Michael would give him a riddle or a book and say a few words are just say click and how he would interpret this as to what look Michael was looking for. I really liked this book because it takes you into Michael's artistic side of a true artist. Michael loved his clothes to look like pieces of art and Michael Bush shows you this. If you don't want to read any trash books but would like to read a masterpiece about a friendship and trust between Michael Jackson and his dresser, read his one, the pictures are magnificent and the book great.

To start this off, What can I honestly say about this book??It literally took my breath away, the moment I received it, which was a bit sooner than I ever anticipated. As soon as I got it, I immediately started checking out the pages first, before even reading it, & WOW! WOW! WOW! That's a triple WOW right there. LOL :) The photographs were absolutely STUNNING! I especially loved the very front cover of the book, since it has Michael's ICONIC BAD Tour jacket, which happens to be one of my absolute faves!! I couldn't take my eyes off the amazing close ups/details of Michael's beautiful clothing/jackets, etc.I do have to admit, there were some great parts in the book as well.Hate to spoil it for everyone, but there was a section in the book that had me laughing like crazy, to which it was the part where Michael Jackson explained about why he wanted to rip his shirts once in a while, or cut it just a little bit, & the term he came up with was "cake" since he mentioned about his female fans wanting to "see some cake"(meaning his chest) & oh he was right about that one.The next thing that I really liked in the book was when they talked about the four F's when it came to Michael's outfits! They are "FIT" "FUNCTION, "FUN" & "FIRST." I thought that was pretty neat & should also be pretty easy to remember when it comes to Michael's outfits!Another part of the book that I really enjoyed was where they talked about the outfit for Michael's short film "Remember The Time" in which it was all Egyptian themed! As a youngster, I was always intrigued about Egypt & would watch things about it all from time to time. I still do once in a while, but not quite as much as I did back when I was young! Anyways, back to the subject! In regards to the "Remember The Time" short film, I was surprised that Yul Brynner was mentioned & the fact that Michael was inspired by a piece he wore for the amazing film "The Ten Commandments" which was called a "gorgerine." Pretty amazing if you ask me.But anyways, enough about what my fave parts were in the entire book!For me, it took only a few days to finish the book! I never thought it would be THAT good. I truly believe in my heart of hearts, that Michael Bush was a TRUE friend to Michael & cared about him very much. I truly feel that he wanted to do the absolute best for Michael, since he's truly a perfectionist & wanted everything to be perfect the way he wanted it. I also feel that he wanted to get the book done for all the fans, since that's what Michael Jackson originally wanted as well.So, to those fans who don't have this book, You MUST get this it! It's truly a wonderful read & you will not be able to put it down! It's THAT amazing. I will continue to cherish it for years to come! This book is truly one of the best books about Michael, AT IT'S ABSOLUTE FINEST!!THANK YOU SO MUCH MICHAEL BUSH FOR THIS WONDERFUL TREASURE/MASTERPIECE!!

This book is for every MJ fan! I didn't think reading about his famous outfits would be this good. The

stories that he shares are amazing. This book shows what a wonderful person Michael was. He pushed you past your limits. He bought out the best in people. Seeing his faith that he had in Bush and Dennis is beyond words. Michael could trust both of them and there was a genuine connection between them. I was mesmerized by all of this pictures. They're perfect!!! This made me love Michael more. I definitely cried at the end of the book. It was like I was reliving that moment all over again. Its been almost 8 years but you never get over it. Michael is a piece of my soul, my being. Thank you Michael Bush for this gift. You are talented man! Your work deserved to be showcased throughout the world!

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