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Vogue Model: The Faces Of Fashion



Synopsis

Throughout history, fashion models have occupied a curious position: while their faces were instantly familiar, virtually nothing else was known about them. But their impression upon Vogue's readership has always been considerable -- they reflect and represent the ever-changing ideal of beauty. It was models such as Barbara Goalen and Fiona-Campbell Walter in Britain and Lisa Fonssagrives and Dorien Leigh in the US, in the 1950s, who were the first to become household names and to achieve the glamour and prestige that came with world fame. The supermodels of the 1990s turned the profession into a billion-dollar industry, and today models like Kate Moss, Claudia Schiffer and Gisele Bundchen are brand names. Our fascination with these sublime creatures never seems to wane. Shining a light on these women's lives, Vogue Model uses photographs and illustrations from more than ninety years of Vogue's history to tell the fascinating story of the real faces of fashion.

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Customer Reviews

Very informative on an amazing list of models but not enough photos of them, a lot of them just have one picture per model, more a quick synopsis on their lives and careers. If there was more visual components it would be prefect

I thought this book would have a more realistic overview of the models of the past decades. There are far to many new models with just a sprinkling of the great ones from the 50's and 60's. No Sunny, Isabella or Dorethea.

Very disappointing. The only black model included is (surprise) Naomi Campbell. Where are the likes of Veronica Webb, Tyra Banks, Alek Wek ? Oh, and they even left out Yasmeen Ghauri !
Gorgeous pictures and quality though.

As a fashion lover, former model & life-long fan of Vogue I was so excited to purchase Vogue Model. I couldn't wait to tear into the book once I got it. Imagine my shock as a "person of color" to find that the only 2 Black models included were Iman & Naomi Campbell. Yes, both are true legends but as you thumb through this collection of models you see the inclusion of much lesser models (Elise Crombez, Georgina Greenville, Cecilia Chancellor). Some who actually are more clearly identified with other mags (Kirsty Hume is much more a Harper's Bazaar girl). Where is Veronica Webb, muse to Bruce Weber & Herb Ritts who is one of the few Black models ever to receive a cosmetics contract? Or Liya Kebede one of the current faces of Estee Lauder who had an entire issue of French Vogue to herself (Belle Du Jour). Or Beverly Peele who appeared in the now legendary spread with the feuding Naomi Campbell and Tyra Banks. And what of Tyra Banks? The model as mogul! Few models have been more successful than Tyra! Or LEGENDARY Donyale Luna the 1st Black woman to appear on American Vogue back in 1966! Or Beverly Johnson for goodness sake! These are shocking omissions! I almost want to send this book back. Or write my own! M*

Great resource for new models to learn the history of some of the world's superstar's as well as learn about some of the stars of today. It's from 2010 so it's not as updated as one would prefer, but I purchased it used for a steal and it's a great addition to my coffee table and library.

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