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Luxury Fashion and Culture focuses on the study of how humans use high quality, highly pleasurable, and frequently rare products, services, and experiences to distinguish themselves from others as to who they are as well as well as who they are not — both within and across cultures. Culture serves to define, interpret, and approve/reject luxury fashion enactments. Daily-to-lifetime transformations-of-self represent the heart-of-luxury fashion and culture research. Much like Clark Kent entering the telephone booth in the 1950s to emerge as Superman, luxury fashion enables the individual to transform herself — take flight or psychological transport— to play a part in scenes exuding refinement, acceptance, high status, and good taste as well as risk ridicule by playing the part badly. The chapters in Luxury Fashion and Culture provide new theory, recipes of methods, and findings on how culture helps humans manage and respond to luxury-fashion enactments. Rather than focusing on traditional cultural transformations, Luxury Fashion and Culture focuses on personal expressions of self and archetypal role-playing and fulfilment through the power of luxury fashion.





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