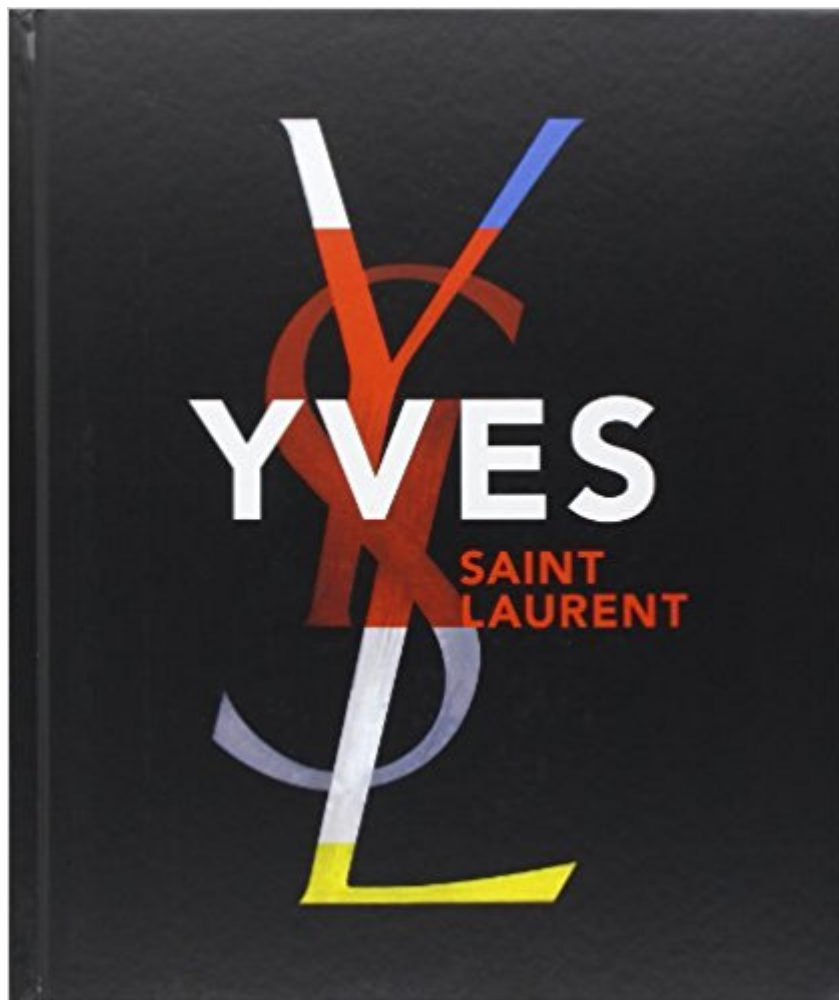


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# Yves Saint Laurent



## Synopsis

One of the most distinctive and influential designers of the second half of the twentieth century, Yves Saint Laurent takes his place in the pantheon of French couturiers, alongside Coco Chanel, Christian Dior, and Jeanne Lanvin. Yves Saint Laurent, the first comprehensive retrospective of his life's work, will accompany an exhibition of some 250 garments from the collection of the Fondation Pierre Bergé-Yves Saint Laurent at the Petit Palais in Paris. From his early days working under Dior and heading the House of Dior after his mentor's death, to the opening of his first prêt à porter shop on the Rive Gauche and the debut of the Le Smoking tuxedo, to the muses he adored, Loulou de la Falaise and Catherine Deneuve among them, this volume reveals the breadth and scope of the designer's entire career. With a preface by Pierre Bergé, author Faride Chenoune explores the sources of inspiration that drove Saint Laurent's continuous innovation, drawing upon painting, sculpture, theater, opera, literature, and cinema.

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This luxurious volume, published to accompany the current retrospective of Yves Saint Laurent's work at Paris's Petit Palais, beautifully compiles the fashion designer's professional craft and personal history. Bearer of the iconic initials YSL, the Algerian-born wunderkind entered into the fashion world as an art director for Christian Dior destined for industry success. The book, formatted partially as a time line, narrates Laurent's life against the broader backdrop of French social and cultural life. Close friends and colleagues adorn this story with personal accounts of a troubled life lived in the spotlight that was not without its share of intrigue (addictions, failed collections). Those

interested in fashion for fashion's sake will enjoy the many brilliant, high-quality photographs and descriptions of every collection YSL created. Full-page profiles of Laurent's most revolutionary styles, such as his women's tuxedo and safari jacket, demonstrate the designer's significant contribution to fashion history. At its core, this book is a thorough depiction of a man and his craft.

--Annie Bostrom

Farid Chenoune is a fashion historian and author of several books, including *A History of Men's Fashion* and *Beneath It All: A Century of French Lingerie*, as well as a contributor to *French Vogue*. He lives in Paris. Florence Müller has written many books and catalogues and organized several exhibitions on fashion history and the phenomenon of contemporary fashion. She teaches these subjects at the Institut français de la Mode. She worked as UFAC Director and Curator at the Musée des Arts de la Mode, Paris. Among other titles, she has published *Costume Jewelry for Haute Couture* and *Art & Fashion*.

This book is exactly what I was looking for about Yves Saint Laurent. The photos are brilliant and colorful with detailed information of each one. YSL was a legendary designer and the author covered his talented journey in the fashion world wonderfully! I would recommend this book for anyone interested in fashion or modeling, it reflects how timeless his designs were. There are also great photos of some famous models too. It takes you back to a special time when even in the fashion world things were more simple and people really dressed for the occasion. A treasure to keep nearby for reference or to escape.

Elegant and informative perfect dressing room addition

Amazing! Great to have in your house!

Very inspiring, great pictures, one of my favorite designers. Worth every penny.

Everything you need to know and crave to see from the oeuvre of this visionary artist. A must for aficionados.

I was lucky enough to go to Paris and see this exhibit in person and this book gives the reader the chance to experience the YSL exhibit in the comfort of their own home. The book is just as

informative and comprehensive as the exhibit and complements the exhibit very well. The reader get a better insight to the life of Saint Laurent and who he was. As well as learning about his choices in fashion with amazing illustration. This book is great for any lover of art and/or fashion. Truly amazing felt like I was in Paris seeing the exhibit in person while reading this book.

Superb book!

A nice review of YSL's work. Very nice addition to my coffee table assortment. At a very good price in relation to prices elsewhere.

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