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No other First Lady has come close to Jacqueline Kennedy in epitomizing a fresh American style. The magic and excitement she stirred as the wife of the president stemmed not only from her youth and beauty but also from her elegantly simple clothes. In this lavishly illustrated memoir, Cassini, who designed over 300 outfits as the First Lady's personal couturier, recalls how he created the "Jackie look"-from her famous pill box hats (he doesn't mention that Halston also claimed credit) and widely imitated suits to her elegant and daring strapless evening gowns. Especially fascinating and revealing are Jackie's letters: "Just make sure no one has exactly the same dress I do ... I want all mine to be original and no fat little women hopping around in the same dress ...." This woman knew how to be a star. While Cassini's cream-puff prose is superficially pleasant (weak on the politics but strong on fashion), it's his original design sketches and the 200 color and black-and-white photographs that highlight Jackie's extraordinary charisma. Whether at a state function or a private party, she simply outshone every woman present. For popular fashion and Kennedy collections.

*Wilda Williams, "Library Journal"*

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Review

"This book is not only a beautiful tribute to Jackie Kennedy and her style but the gorgeous creations of Cassini that defined this time in our history." *-Tabulous Design*

About the Author

Oleg Cassini has designed for such legendary twentieth-century icons as Rita Hayworth, Grace Kelly, and Marilyn Monroe. He is the author of *In My Own Fashion*

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