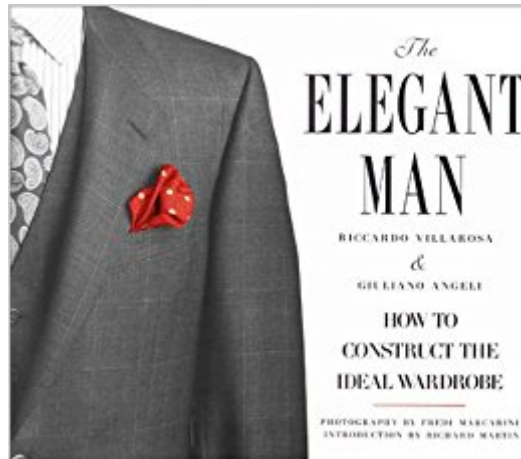




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In the tradition of Alan Flusser's CLOTHES AND THE MAN, a comprehensive, lavishly illustrated guide that presents everything a man needs to know to dress with timeless style and distinction.

This is a highly recommendable book that would be of greatest benefit for the more advanced reader with an interest in looking elegant in a suit. It is exceptionally well illustrated and is the sort of book that can help make or break you as far as your presentability goes. Needless to say, the style tips here are entirely of the classical sort that remain perfectly current despite the fact that this was published as long ago as 1990. The main question for most readers would be whether to go for this or for 'Dressing the Man' by Allan Flusser. Fortunately, what you find here is perfectly complementary to Flusser, who admittedly has the advantage of starting from simpler basics and explaining these well to the beginner. A total novice may find the comprehensive review of different suit/blazer fabric types in this book to be a bit overwhelming, but for the reader who has grasped the basics this is the perfect book to help further his knowledge and taste. Whoever might have been left suspicious that Flusser may be keeping the finer points about suit styles a well guarded

professional secret would probably find this book the logical next step to go on and further his knowledge and taste. It should be kept in mind that this book concentrates exclusively on suits and blazers. Allan Flusser's 'Dressing the Man' is far better when it comes to showing the reader how to coordinate the suit with tie, shirt and to some degree shoes - though even then Flusser emphasis is still on the suit. Arguably, the most encyclopaedic and balanced overview of all of the basics can be found in Bernhard Roetzel's book 'Gentleman'. However, more advanced readers who are familiar with these other authors will definitely want to add this book to their collection.

While I have no intention on buying knickerbockers, I do appreciate this book's historical value. I believe most of the subject matter here should remain 'classic.' A great reference. I definitely juxtapose with the other book I own "Details - Mens Style Manual," which is heavily subjective.

The book went into great detail about all different kinds of formal wear, and includes the details about every kind of fabric and every kind of weave that fabric can be made in (although it doesn't seem to cover blended fabrics) the book even covers topics such as closet setup...the only drawback it seems is that it doesn't cover anything more casual than a blazer and odd trousers, and no mention on shirts, shoes, or accessories.

Owned this book since it was first published but lost it in moving, which really stinks! I've had to buy a second-hand edition because it was a constant reference for me, especially when I tried ironing my shirts and pants but ended up ironing my hands. This is truly a classic book and while its recommendations may not be exactly in line with modern American men's fashion, it will not disappoint in the long term.

Purchased as a gift for a man who takes dressing very seriously. He loves this book. Has very good information.

Excellent Starter book

This is an odd book, and I couldn't quite make sense of it when I got it. It does not really contain applicable advice like A.F.'s books, although it contains occasional detail not found in other places (such as the descriptions of various textiles). It overemphasizes certain styles, and in general it leaves the impression of being eccentric and a little dated. I am glad I purchased it, but if I had just

been trying to figure how to actually construct a wearable wardrobe, I would regard it as a wasted purchase.

A lot of irrelevant detail and a bit dated

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