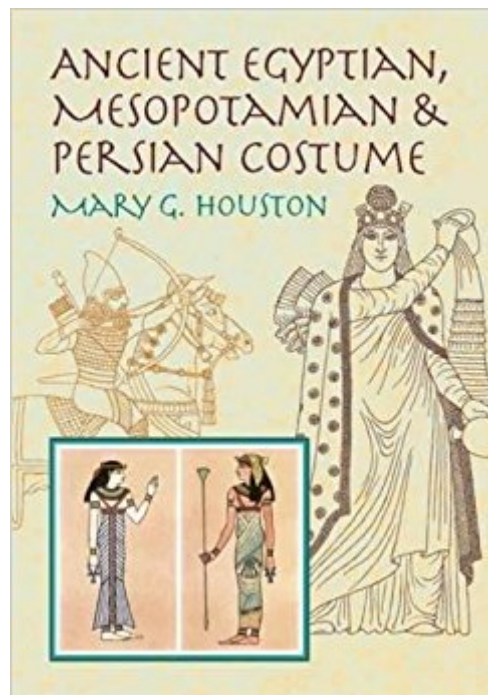




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I was really disappointed with this book. I have worked with costume design for many years. I was looking to recreate Medo-Persian costumes that were historically accurate and aesthetically pleasing. I found the drawings in this book amateurish and disappointing. I contacted to return the book. I found better examples with other research, elsewhere. As a result, my costumes were a 'hit' with the theatrical production's director, actors and audience. Sadly, it was not due to anything I found in THIS book. Perhaps the book would appeal to someone who doesn't actually designs costumes, but just wants to learn the history behind the clothing.

This book is the best on the subject of ancient fashions I have managed to peel from the kindle store. The author spent much time figuring out how and why garments were made and draped around the body. I was amazed to see how primitive clothing was in ancient times (right up till the Roman Empire). In most cultures the main garment basically was no more than a sheet. The book also talks about the use of jewelry, and about the way cultures of the Ancient Middle East interacted (as far as fashion is concerned). It also looks at the reason why certain dressing habits developed (such as pants in Persia). I think this book is a must for any author and/or film director indulging in historical fiction beyond the Roman Empire.

We never went into the fashions or costumes of the ancient civilizations we had to study. If we had understood just how much work went into making this stuff, we'd appreciate the clothing we have more.

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