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Justine Picardie

Chanel – Her Life

Main description

This is the long-awaited third edition of Justine Picardie's acclaimed illustrated biography of Coco Chanel (1883–1971), one of the twentieth century's most captivating personalities and a defining figure in fashion history. Whoever attempts to understand Chanel's life is confronted by countless myths, half-truths and rumors. In this book Picardie discovers the woman behind the legend, and tells Chanel's story with a flair and clarity of which Coco herself would approve. *Chanel – Her Life* explores every facet of Chanel's universe: her fascinating private life as well as the famous icons of her fashion empire—the tweed jacket, the little black dress, N° 5 perfume, the pearls, the camellia ...

The result is a comprehensive biography that reveals Chanel's style to be the outcome of rigorous elegance, resolute self-belief and a determinedly unconventional stance. Picardie was granted access to Chanel's archives and is the first author to have examined previously undiscovered private archives in the United Kingdom and France; and this unique knowledge underpins *Chanel – Her Life*. The book, designed and with drawings by Karl Lagerfeld, and with a new foreword by Picardie celebrating Lagerfeld's extraordinary time at the House of Chanel, is the definitive biography of the tantalizingly elusive Coco Chanel.

Biography

Editor-in-chief of *Harper's Bazaar* UK and *Town & Country* UK, Justine Picardie is an acclaimed journalist and author. Her books include *If the Spirit Moves You* (2001), *Wish I May* (2004), *Daphne* (2008) and *Inge Morath: On Style* (2016).

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