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Gisele Bündchen



Synopsis

Heavenly body: The rise and rise of Gisele Bündchen Born in the Brazilian countryside, and nearly six feet tall by the age of 14, Gisele Bündchen grew from humble roots into the most successful supermodel in the world. This book celebrates her 20-year milestone in the industry with a unique and spectacular collection of jaw-dropping glamour and intimate, personal insights. Gisele was just 18 when she made her breakthrough in the S/S 1998 ready-to-wear "Rain" show of Alexander McQueen, who chose "The Body" thanks to her ability to walk in towering heels on a slippery runway. The same year, Gisele secured her first British Vogue cover, and swiftly became the most in-demand cover girl of her generation. The following year, she was chosen for the cover of American Vogue, shot by Steven Meisel, and lauded as "the return of the sexy model" with her bronzed, athletic beauty defying late-'90s grunge. Since then, Gisele has appeared on more than 1,000 covers around the globe, in approximately 450 fashion shows, and in multinational campaigns for the biggest fashion and beauty brands. With more than 300 photographs, this book is curated and art directed by Giovanni Bianco. From Gisele's legendary nude portrait by Irving Penn, chosen as the book's cover, to iconic shots from such industry luminaries as Steven Meisel, Mario Testino, Peter Lindbergh, David LaChapelle, Juergen Teller, Inez & Vinoodh, Mert Alas & Marcus Piggott and Corinne Day, it is a unique artistic presentation of the most famous Brazilian export together with Pelé and Senna and the highest-earning model in the world. The breathtaking image collection is accompanied by an introduction by Steven Meisel and tributes from Gisele's closest friends, family, and fashion leaders, who shed light on how and why she has become one of the greatest models of all time. First published as a limited edition "soon available in a popular TASCHEN edition! Gisele is donating all her proceeds from the book to charity.

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Customer Reviews

I was extremely bummed out when this book was first produced as this book was originally produced as a limited edition and they were very expensive with prices on the secondary market reaching as high as \$1500-\$2000 almost overnight. My hats off to Gisele as all of the money from that limited edition went to charity! I have been a HUGE fan of Gisele from the very beginning of her career and I am an avid collector of fashion photography books so I was just really disappointed that I couldn't afford to buy one of those books. So when I found out that a regular edition was going to be produced, I was ecstatic. I'm a professional photographer and while I don't personally shoot fashion, it's always been one of my favorite genres of photography. In my opinion, Gisele has been in some of the best fashion editorials ever shot on film and she has had one of the best modeling careers in history. When I finally received the package for the book, I was actually taken back a bit by the overall weight. I knew it was going to be a big book when I ordered it, but I wasn't expecting it to be that heavy. This book is an absolute monster. It's roughly 14 inches high x 10 inches wide, has 536 pages, and weighs in at roughly 10 pounds. And boy is it a beauty. Due to the overall size and color of the cover, which I absolutely love, this book sticks out no matter where you put it. For those unfamiliar with Taschen America LLC., they make some of the nicest art books I have ever seen and they certainly didn't disappoint this time around. In fact, this is one of the nicest books I have seen from them to date. It's got an absolutely striking and beautiful cover, a nice quality binding, and beautiful pages. This is an absolutely perfect coffee table style book.

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