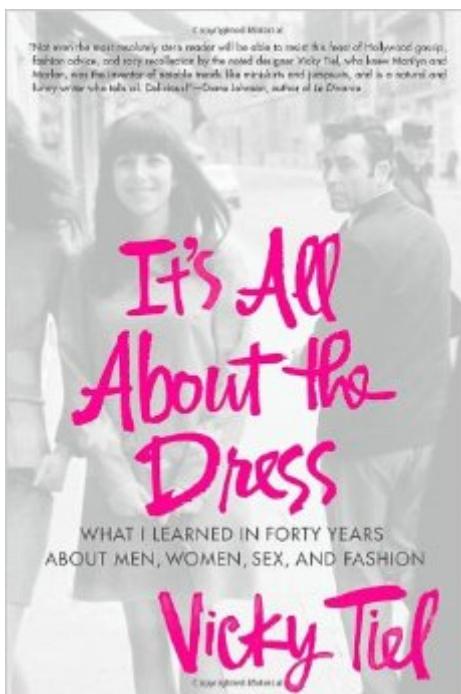


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It's All About The Dress: What I Learned In Forty Years About Men, Women, Sex, And Fashion



Synopsis

Vicky Tiel started as an "it" girl of the 1960s and has had a four decade career designing clothes that make real women look fabulous. Her sexy, fresh hot pants and miniskirts were used by Woody Allen in his first movie, *What's New, Pussycat?*, her classic design inspired the red dress that transformed Julia Roberts in *Pretty Woman*, and her creations are worn today by stars such as Halle Berry and Kim Kardashian. Tiel's own life has been dance-the-night-away fun, from her earliest days flunking out of Parsons to design on her own, to starting a chic boutique with best friend Mia Fonssagrives in Paris, from marrying MGM's top make-up man to becoming Elizabeth Taylor's dear friend and part of her longtime entourage. Tiel forged her own path, and picked up some distinctive and hard-earned lessons from the rich, famous and celebrated along the way. In **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DRESS**, you'll get a glimpse of what it's like to be Hollywood royalty (think yachts, tiny dogs, giant pearls and peanut butter sandwiches washed down with Chateau Margaux), discover the seduction secrets of the greats (from Kim Novak to Goldie Hawn to Warren Beatty), take in a little husband-hunting advice, and even learn legendary model Dorian Leigh's recipe for gigot d'agneau sept heures. Vicky Tiel will teach you to dress like a sex symbol, cook like the owner of a French country inn, and seize what you want from the world like an American ingénue.

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"Lesson: Learn what men like and be good at it." Paying lip service to female empowerment, Vicky Tiel proceeds to girltalk about her life as a perpetual third-string mistress and fawning celebrity camp-follower. Proper female pride is a foreign concept to this woman. Exhibit A: Her first married

lover takes her to his room which is dominated by a large portrait of his nude wife over the bed. Underneath is a chart of women's names with strings of multi-colored stick-on stars. His conquests are rated in categories of oral sex, show of enthusiasm, classic sex, kissing, and beauty: "Red stars were tops. I was determined to have five red stars in every category." He's surprised that she's not offended: "No," I told him. "I want to know what men want." Exhibit B: Tiel consents to a "Vicky Contest"-dating rivals Woody Allen and Clive Donner must compete to see who can give Tiel the most creative gift. The winner gets to sleep with her. She's careful to point out that she was sure both were truly interested in a long-term relationship, not just a one-night-stand (neither won, by the way. She was busy hooking up with married man #2). This book is full of such idiocies. Her adventures with the Beautiful People seem as outwardly glitzy and inwardly impoverished as an episode of The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, and her diva complaints became tiresome. When an air hostess bumped her from first-class to coach because of her ratty jeans, she predictably throws a fit: "Didn't the hostess realize the antitravel look was for those who really travel?

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