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The dress is the last bit of femininity in our closets; it's the only item of clothing which (most) men and women don't share. Wearing a dress is a powerful way for women to express themselves--and every style conveys a different message. Inspired by the Eleanor Estes' children's classic *The Hundred Dresses*, Erin McKean's classic-to-be by the same title, with chic illustrations by Donna Mehalko, is a definitive look at the dresses, vintage and modern, that make an inarguable statement about the woman who wears them.

Each evocatively illustrated entry identifies one of a hundred different dresses accompanied by a witty and informative look at the history of that particular style, famous wearers (if applicable), and what message, subtle or overt, is conveyed by the dress. Notes on where such a style could be observed and accessories of the wearer are also included.

Featured are The Wench; The Sari; The Vreeland; The Wrap; The Austen; The Beckham; The Siren (any style, as long as it's red); The Chanel Ingenue; The Caftan; The Guinivere; The Jackie; The Slip Dress; The Biohazard (any dress dangerous to bystanders or the wearer: think Lady Gaga); and scores more. The book also includes a suggested reading list of fashion books, dresses from literature, and an index.

Part style commentary, part fashion blueprint, part clever field guide, *The Hundred Dresses* will ensure that no woman (or man) ever underestimates the power of the dress.

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## Adrielle says

Beautiful and fun little book, this one.

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## Taylor Topping says

I thought the book was a pretty fun book :) it was an easy read and it really did a good job showing all of the different ways women show their femininity by the way they dress. I recommend this book for anyone looking for a fun book to read!

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## Tami says

I haven't received my copy yet, just received notice I had won. 05/13/13  
Received this yesterday and started it this morning. 5/23/13  
Haven't been on in a while. I have finished this but not sure exactly when.

The Hundred Dresses goes through all styles of dresses people wear and give a short history/description/fun facts about them. It then tells you other styles similar to it and who you would see normally wearing the style.

I am not a fashion fan so I was a bit worried I wouldn't like this book. I enjoyed it. There was some fun commentary and I know my niece will LOVE it so it is getting passed on to her. She is 12 going on 21 and loves clothes.

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## Lulu says

A quick, interesting read about 100 iconic dresses. Great illustrations.

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## Martha says

I didn't agree with all the selections on this list. I view a few as purely costumes. I did appreciate and enjoy the illustrations. I see myself as a #80 and I fantasize about wearing many of the other selections. This book also includes an index of 100 other books about dresses. Browse through this at your library and then go shopping!

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### **Brandi says**

This was a fast, fun romp through 100 iconic, archetype dresses. Erin McKean's sense of humor, fanaticism, and interesting historical notes make for a fun, informative, light read. I devoured this book in two days' worth of commuter train rides and lunch hours. Her annotated bibliography of 100 books on dresses is a fashion book must-read list. Donna Mehalko's illustrations are fab.

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### **Cindy says**

Fabulous illustrations quick read it was fun to share with friends!

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### **Jessica says**

Beautifully illustrated, very fun read. I agree with other reviewers who noticed that at least 10 of these are stupid costumes, but I loved reading this book cover-to-cover anyway. I'm not a fashionista by any stretch, but I love Ms. McKean's blog and her writing style - she did not disappoint in this book. Her clever, witty observations are always spot on.

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### **Sarah says**

Interesting and humorous histories of 100 iconic dress styles. I really like the simple illustrations.

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### **Lisa Mcbroom says**

Taking inspiration from the iconic *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes. McKean takes the 100 dresses that made history such as the Mary Quaint the Jane Austen among others . I want this book!!!!!!

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### **Josiphine/Tessa says**

This book is both adorable and well-written. Very fun!

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### **Tara says**

This is a goodreads giveaway, and I am glad I won because this book is kinda cool.

If you look it up on here, it gives a very good description of what the reader can expect, so I will not be

redundant. The older you are, the more of these dresses you will remember or have seen and most likely to have worn a few of them yourself. There are quite a few that lend to a figure I do not see on too many women (like the J -Lo dress). There are some that most women would not be caught dead in (the Swan dress comes to mind). Then there are the dress that most everyone can look like a million bucks in (the Wrap dress).

The reader can expect to see every dress that has been fashionable through history, or at least worn through history. Donna Mehalko provides classic fashion designer illustrations. The advance copy has them in black and white, while the version that will be on the market will have them in color. The black and white sketches are still done well and look chic, in my opinion.

If you are an aspiring designer, or just like dresses, this book is a good reference and provides a few facts you probably have not heard of before.

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### **Rachel says**

Full Disclosure: I won this book through FirstReads.

As a fashion girl, I was thrilled to receive this book, which details 100 different types of dresses that have made a mark in fashion. I love the wonderful illustrations, and the text itself has a nice tone throughout. It strikes a nice balance between conversational, informative, and a touch humorous. I also think the choices on the list are mostly well-informed and I also love the bibliography of fashion-related books in the back of this one. This is an excellent addition to the library of anyone who loves clothes.

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### **The Lost Lola says**

Cute and witty little field guide to fashion! Review to come.

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### **Debye says**

Fun look at 100 iconic dresses, their history, what accessories to wear, the famous who wore them, the designers---it's a quick and easy read. I really liked the illustrations for each dress. There is also a great fashion bibliography at the end. Just plain fun! :-)

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