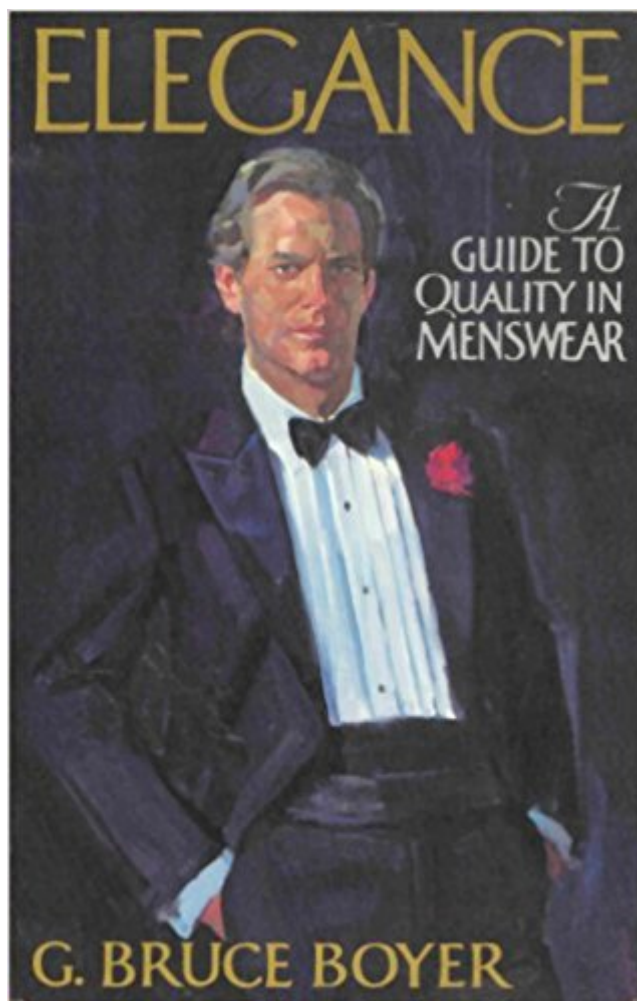




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Elegance - A Guide To Quality In Menswear



Synopsis

What should you look for when you buy a suit? Where can you find the best boots in Texas, or the perfect English umbrella? Is a custom-made shirt really more expensive than one off the shelf? Would you look better in the shaped tailoring of European designers - or simply foolish? The answers to these and many other questions both practical and aesthetic are found in Bruce Boyer's wonderfully readable book on menswear. The author draws on over a decade of experience as an international fashion commentator to examine the evolution of the male wardrobe garment by garment, uncloud the confusion, and help you decide what is right for you. In addition to the wealth of practical advice on styles, shopping, maintenance, and packing, the author brings a lively sense of history and personality to the writing of this book. The result is a book that is at once practical, delightful, and historical, a guide and source book, illustrated with over 60 drawings, to help you find your way through the expanding and often confusing world of menswear.

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Customer Reviews

Elegance consists of 32 essays on men's clothing, some of which appeared previously in Town & Country or in Diversion. Boyer emphasizes quality, natural fabrics, and classic styling. Although he includes practical suggestions for buying and caring for apparel, he also devotes considerable attention to the historical development of men's attire. Numerous anecdotes and Kokinos's striking illustrations round out the book. Donald Dolce's The Consumer's Guide to Menswear (LJ 9/1/83) also focuses on quality in men's clothing. Of the two books, Dolce's is the more practical, Boyer's the more literary and historical. Suitable for fashion history and consumer collections. Wendy Alex,

All you need to do is read the table of contents and you'll want to read it. It goes over every type of classic clothing that men wear from a tux to hat. Also, since this covers the classics, everything in it will never go out of style.

GOOD INFO.

Menswear classic, just as relevant today as when originally published

I enjoyed this book and had to add it to my collection. Not a how to book, but a nice visit to several aspects of classic and better men's dress than most people will ever experience in our casual culture. It is written from the view of a man that knows how to enjoy clothes and personal presentation and his love of good things shines through. Written with intelligence and humor you come away appreciating the finer things with the heightened curiosity of someone who has listened to stories of a wonderful far away place that you just might be able to afford to visit for yourself.

I love it.

I can understand Mr. Boyer's take on what constitutes in his mind elegant or sharp dressing. It's appears to be typical American clothing and nothing that really stands out as unique or special. It would seem that it's designed for the older gent who could lose a few pounds. But perhaps this is what might look the best for these individuals.

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