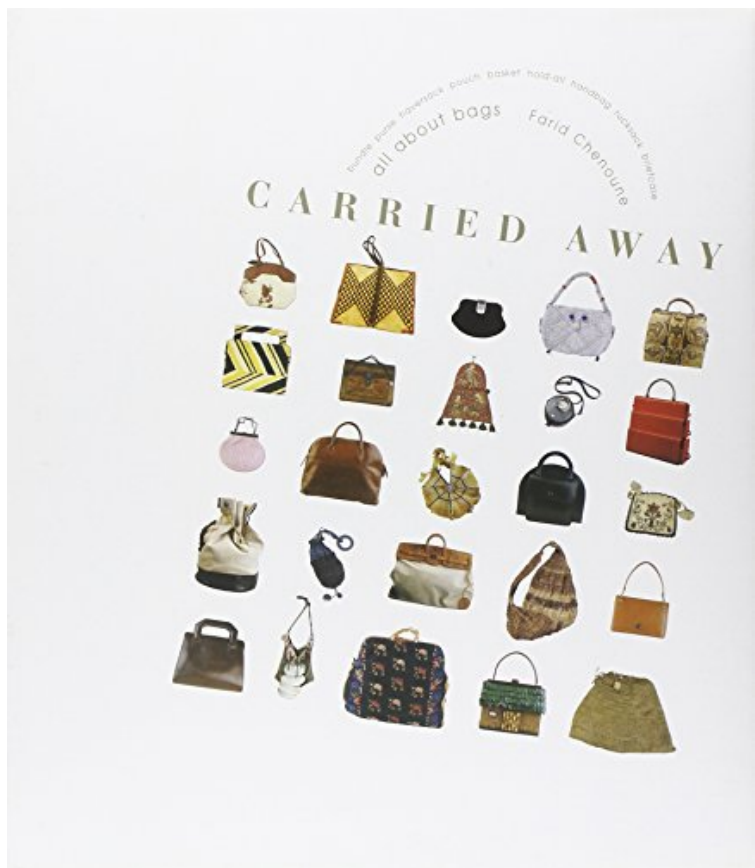


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being sarcastic, I really think the author Chenoune does a good job covering these issues in a tongue in cheek manner. "Carried Away" shows the bag as more than just a fashion trend. Although the book does show examples of the bag as woman's fashion accessory, such as the ubiquitous Hermes bag, the book is more of an art book. "Carried Away" is divided into several sections. My favorite section is about purses in the movies. The author chose still pictures from certain movies. Then, Chenoune explains how the choice of the purse by the costume designer relates to the characters in the movie. Basically, what does the purse say about the psychology of the character and the mood in the scene? I also like the section that shows pictures of different bags and their uses in history, like the painter's bag. I think for many people this is going to be a book that they pick up in the book store and browse, but not buy. However, I think that other people interested in the bag as an art form, a cultural indicator, or a historical benchmark will find this book interesting enough to read. Therefore, I would not recommend buying it sight unseen, but it is definitely worth a look.

Published to accompany the Le Cas du Sac exhibition, a visual tour of the role of bags as fashion totems features photographs of such pieces as Philip Treacy's evening bag printed with Andy Warhol's Campbell Soup cans and the pangou bags used by the African monarchy for holding royal regalia. 12,500 first printing.

From Publishers Weekly "You have to be careful of the bag, it is so familiar yet so badly understood," writes Jean-Louis Dumas-Herms in the preface to this set of highlights from his family's collection of "bags": everything from purses to rucksacks from all eras and all corners of the globe, some made by the company that bears their name. A French 14th-century copper messenger box, an early 20th-century pakum bag from Cameroon, green plastic bags from Marks Spencer, a 1995 Srebrenica refugee's tied bundle, Ultra Violet's Herms black leather "Bolt" clutch dating from the 1930s are here, and discussed with an infectious mix of exuberance and seriousness that is uncommon for an exhibition catalogue such as this. The Paris Muse de la Mode show closes this month, but a mini-exhibit of "rare and unusual bags" will mark the opening of New York's Madison Avenue Herms store on March 16. Even if one misses the gala, the plethora of short, variously authored chapters ("My Grandmother's Furoshikis," "A Few Wineskins and Bags on Olympus") framing 300 color (and 35 bw) illustrations, provides more than enough glamour and everyday carriage. (Apr. 4) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Farid Chenoune is a Paris-based fashion historian and the author of "A History of Men's Fashion. "