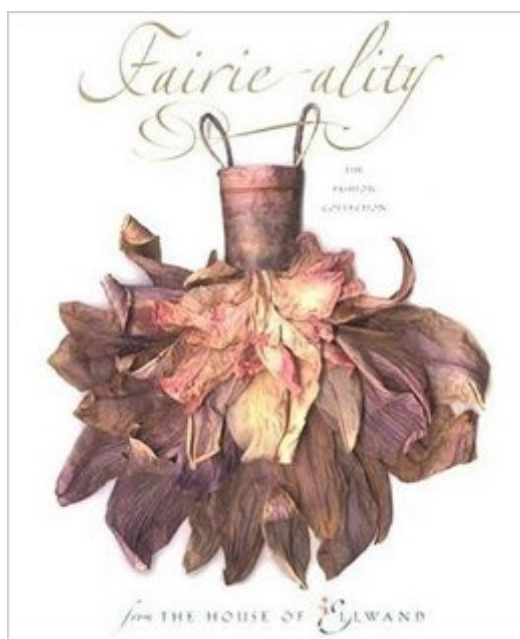


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Fairie-ality: The Fashion Collection From The House Of Ellwand



Synopsis

Do you believe in fairies? How about high fashion? Enter the exquisite world of fairie fashion - where feathered hats are designed for maximum lift, oak leaf jackets boast ample wing vents, and flower-petal flats are easily removable for flight. In the fairie world, there is only one top designer of couture and accessories . . . Prepare to be enchanted! While humans go about their workaday lives, there is a secret world of well-dressed fairies flitting about in fragile fashions that would take your breath away - if only you could see them. Well, now you can. For the first time ever, elusive fairie couturier Ellwand allows mortals a peek at his ethereal designs in FAIRIE-ALITY, a catalogue so spectacularly crafted it befits a fairie queen herself. Showcased are nearly 150 creations - including dresses, jackets, trousers, shoes, hats, and delicate unmentionables - fashioned wholly from feathers, flower petals, shells, seeds, and other materials from nature. Consider these special features: Extraordinary production elements, including three specially selected paper stocks; metallic inks; fold-out booklets; vellum envelope with removable fashion card; and numerous half-, third-, and quarter-pages, notably to showcase garments for a playful mix & match, offering dozens of outfits to create. Drawings by celebrated fashion illustrator David Downton, capturing the graceful, but rarely glimpsed, fairie attired in Ellwand's designs. Witty and delightfully romantic captions by Eugenie Bird. A breathless narrative by a young fairie guiding us from The Season's start through May Day revelry and a Fairie Tale Wedding. Filled with authentic fairie lore that will lure fairie lovers by the legion, this superbly designed volume also offers many clever nods to human fashion history. Its fun, fanciful costume descriptions will amuse the fashion-savvy everywhere, while the stunning array of fashions themselves - a veritable dress-up dream - will leave readers of all ages spellbound.

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Customer Reviews

If you want to know who's burning up the runways with the season's haute couture, look no further! Enjoy this detailed catalogue of The Fashion Collection known as Fairie-ality from the innovative and expressive House of Ellwand, designer to the Folk, par excellence. I would have to say this is the most beautiful book I've seen in years and that it is one of my favorite books in my entire library, if not THE favorite. It is an elegant, beautifully crafted coffee table volume in a gold hard cover edition. It is delightfully witty and captures the fashion world's nuances and idiosyncracies in good fun and high style. Whimsical water color sketches of a type from fashion's heyday in Vogue Magazine introduce the various themes and creations while full dazzling color photographs present exquisitely detailed and meticulously handcrafted high fashion of the fairy realm. The commentary is breezy and bright and oh, so, in the know! Charming inserts such as a mix and match catalogue, invitations, and advance notices are sprinkled throughout the book. The artistry is unparalleled and uses the finest of natural materials, including feathers, seeds, and myriad examples of the exotic floral and other botanical resources joined with a master's eye for flair, movement, and color. Enjoy eclectic designs filled with flash from shoes to hats and everything in between. Not only are you invited into this exclusive world of fashion but you are made privy to the parties, the cotillions, moonbeam swims, firefly hunting, midnight dancing and all of the biggest names in fairy society. Fashions for ladies and gentlemen grace these pages as do fashions for the entire wedding party from the flower girl to the bride. As the wedding fashions featured in this collection indicate, it is a very chic bride who will walk the bridal runway on the arm of her proud father this season. There is so much detail here and so much witty humor that this book can be enjoyed for hours upon hours and over and over again with each foray seeming to present new delicacies of fashion delight. The descriptions for the designs are each more breath-taking than the one before as evidenced by this commentary for the astonishing Maid of Honor dress: "Silky crow feathers and a single green parrot feather gather in layers, creating the touch-me velveteen look of the skirt - spellbinding. The bodice and straps are lily leaves; the overbodice, a whispering tracery of skeleton leaf. Sumptuous." This

book is a true work of art from beginning to end and I can't think of a single person that wouldn't at least admire its detail and perfection of execution. Fairie friends will, of course, be enraptured by it. Any creative, artistic, whimsical, young at heart, fashion conscious, costume or dress-up aficionado will treasure it. Get yourself a copy and give several away. It's the pick of the crop. Tre chic!

This book is just beautiful. It's an obvious must have for Fairy lovers, but flower lovers will have their breath taken away as well. It's filled with whimsy and the most amazing artwork, it's perfect for just about anyone's coffee table who likes a lighthearted "something different". Another plus to the book is how heavy the pages are. They're nice and substantial, meaning it's OKAY TO PAGE THROUGH without feeling like the book will flake apart in your hands! Often I find when books are about delicate fairies, they feel the book itself needs to be delicate - in this case, it's definitely for browsing. It's simply beautiful, and remarkable, and memorable. A winner.

The illustrations in this book are absolutely gorgeous; this is one of the most stunning coffee table books I've ever seen. Since I am not acquainted with the world of couture, I can't tell you how well it succeeds as a send-up of high fashion catalogues. (I've gathered that there are many "in-jokes" within the text: I didn't get them, but it didn't hinder my enjoyment of this in the least). This isn't just a book, it's a work of art. Highly, highly recommended.

I bought this as a gift for a friend and then just had to order my own. Fairy-lovers and anyone who's into arts and crafts will love this. Every aspect of this book is amazing, and obviously made with love and care and an eye for detail, from the outfits themselves down to the expensive paper they're printed on. I would have cheerfully paid almost twice the price and still felt like I got my money's worth. My only complaint (and not much of one) is that from the materials used in some of the clothes they would seem a little out of scale, unless we're dealing with some fairly large fairies. Then again it never mentions what kind of fairy it's intended for, they don't all have to be the size of Tinkerbell. This book has inspired me to try making fairy dresses, and it's a lot harder than it looks! I just wish it had come with instructions :)

Fairie-ality without doubt shows the genius of David Ellwand. David's beautiful designs complimented so well by the wonderful illustrations of David Downton and the writing of Eugenie Bird. It is without doubt the most beautiful book I have ever seen. Not only are David's garments awe-inspiring but his landscape photography is out of this world. Today more than ever we need

awe and wonder in our lives and this book gives just that and so much more. A magnificently produced book using the finest paper and technology available today. The book is suitable for young and old alike and will give untold pleasure to many this Christmas and to future generations. This book will become a classic the world over. Congratulations to David Ellwand and all concerned with this book.

I am not a Fairie expert at all but you do not need to be in order to find this book breathtaking. As you browse the pages you can hear yourself wishing you could be a Fairie - did I mention the voice you make this wish in is your childhood dream voice? This book takes you to places you forgot about, places adventurous and daring that used to only belong to the child of your past. I ordered this book to help get ideas for clients and got an adventure instead. I hope it is the same for you!

One of the great pleasures of this book (there are many) is the copy. It is incredibly witty and filled with literary and social references that leave the reader in stitches. The "Rose Pierott" is just one example of Bird really hitting her mark! Ellwand's incredible creations set my imagination on fire. Looking through his designs reminded me of playing in the woods as a little boy, building stone and bark homes for gnomes. He takes my youthful imagination to a whole new level, though. This is THE catalogue for the well-dressed fairie and a must-own for artist and dreamer alike!

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