

# Africa Adorned

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**Angela Fisher : Africa Adorned** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Africa Adorned:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Superb Book On African Jewelry,Dress Body DecorationBy James I. ColeHard cover, Plain Boards with Color Photographic DJ, 14" x 105", 304 pages, 457 illustrations, 414 of which are in full color, 5 maps, Bibliography, Index. Published by Harry N. Abrams, Inc. New York, 1984.At the time of writing, mine is the 12th consecutive 5-Star review, and this is certainly no coincidence. This book can be considered as one of the best photographic representations of "fully decorated" Tribal Africa ever published. Peoples of the entire continent of Africa are featured, and although nobody would claim that the book depicts "everyday" or "typical" Africa or Africans, it certainly does a fabulous job of presenting "Africa Adorned".This is tribal, ethnic and national African body decoration at its most striking, enigmatic, personal and proud. This is the Body As Art, and the Peoples Of Africa reveling in their history and tradition. The contents are : East Africa - The Body As Art; Equatoria - Treasures and Trade ; Old Africa - Pockets Of Ancient Tradition ; The Savannah - Dictates Of The Desert ; The Maghreb - A Natural Flamboyance ; The Horn - Links With The East.The book also contains fantastic field photos, as well as "characteristic" native "models", and artifact photographs. The book also boasts a well-researched and informative text, and has a superior presentation throughout. This book is highly recommended, not just for lovers of Africa, and for enthusiasts of Ethnographic books in general, but also for anybody who appreciates African Tribal Art. Since it has been long OOP, the book occasionally gets a little expensive, but if you are patient, there are enough copies out there so that a decent copy will turn up at under 50 bucks sooner or later. GOOD LUCK !Also worth

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Shows hairstyles, jewelry, clothing, and body art used in each region of Africa and discusses the religious and cultural significance of African ornament