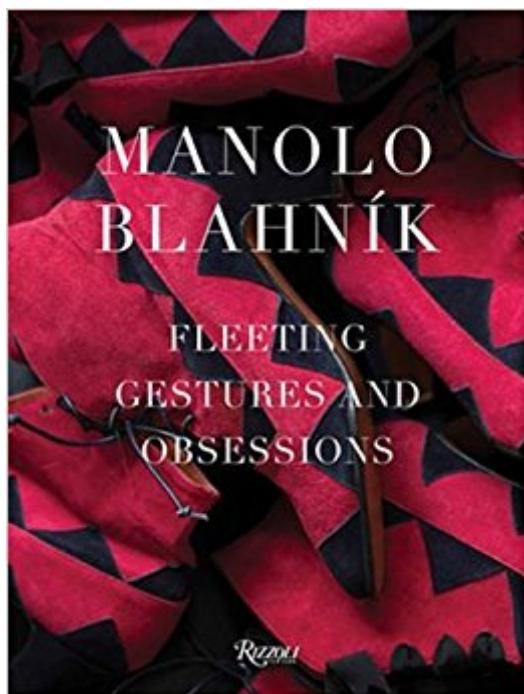


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# Manolo Blahnik: Fleeting Gestures And Obsessions



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## Synopsis

The first comprehensive and lavishly illustrated volume to document the influences and life work of Manolo Blahnik, one of the most influential and talked-about icons in contemporary fashion.

Featuring more than forty years of shoe design, this is the definitive monograph of the work of Manolo Blahnik, one of the titans of contemporary fashion. This book is a comprehensive survey of Blahnik's work and provides access to never-before-seen photography of his designs. Drawing inspiration from the worlds of architecture, art, film, and literature, Blahnik is a master of the art of the shoe. His exciting use of color, unprecedented designs, and exquisitely sculpted heels make his shoes some of the most coveted in the world. Featuring more than 250 iconic designs from his archive, the book reveals for the very first time the inspirations behind his singular artistic vision. With insightful chapters devoted to Blahnik's most powerful relationships and inspirations—including Marie Antoinette, Diana Vreeland, Cecil Beaton, Spanish and Italian film, the works of Goya and Velázquez and the Prado Museum—this book is a personal look into the man behind the shoes. Beautiful photography and thoughtful essays by fashion writers, curators, and colleagues give readers a unique opportunity to access Blahnik's vivid and creative-filled world.

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Manolo Blahnik is a shoe designer and founder of his eponymous shoe brand. Pedro Almodóvar is a film director. Mary Beard is a Professor of Classics at the University of Cambridge. Sofia Coppola is an American screenwriter, director, producer, and actress. Rafael Moneo is a Spanish architect. André Leon Talley is the former American editor-at-large for Vogue magazine. Michael Roberts is a British fashion journalist, illustrator, photographer, and film director.

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