

Suzy Menkes

Fashion Editor



Profile

Suzy Menkes is fashion's authority. As Fashion Editor of the International Herald Tribune, her reports on the international collections are read around the world.

Frank, fearless and free from editorial constraints, Menkes has built a reputation for being a fashion picador. But far from seeking to be controversial or to claim a role as a fashion critic, she sees herself as reporter or observer and is inspired by an enthusiasm and a passion for her subject.

She covers the universe of style, from haute couture to talent spotting and store openings, including both women and menswear. She also interviews leading designers and fashion executives in the luxury market, which is the focus of the International Herald Tribune.

Unique among fashion editors, Menkes – trained as a historian at Cambridge University in her native England – looks beyond the immediate trends to analyse changing style in a social context. She has examined the phenomenon of the working mother as it impacts on the burgeoning branded baby wear market; she has studied Italian family fashion houses and questioned the future of La Famiglia.

Her incisive reporting includes the jousting of fashion tycoons and industry facts and figures for the IHT's financial pages; and reviews of museum exhibitions in the arts section. She is based in Paris, France, but travelling both in the caravanserai of the international collections and as a reporter, Menkes's beat includes New York, European capital cities and Asia from Tokyo and Hong Kong, through Beijing, Shanghai and Singapore.

Two other areas of expertise and fascination are jewelry and the British royal family. Menkes is the author of *The Royal Jewels* (1985) a study of the private jewelry collection of Queen Elizabeth; *The Windsor Style* (1987), an exploration of the lifestyle of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor; and *Queen and Country* (1992), a journey through the private rural world of Queen Elizabeth and the ecological interests of Prince Charles.

Suzy Menkes is a member of the French National Order of the Legion of Honor, where she holds the rank of Chevalier, and of the Order of the British Empire for "services to fashion journalism."

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