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David Bowie Is is the first book that grants access to the internationally acclaimed artist and performer's personal archive of costumes, ephemera, original design artwork, and more, bringing it together to present a completely new perspective on his creative work and collaborations. It traces Bowie's career from its beginnings in London, through the breakthroughs of *Space Oddity* and *The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars*, and on to his enormous impact on 20th-century avant-garde music and art. Essays by V&A curators Victoria Broackes and Geoffrey Marsh on Bowie's London, image, and influence on the fashion world are complemented by Christopher Frayling, Mark Kermode, and Philip Hoare on film; Howard Goodall on musicology; Camille Paglia on gender and decadence; and Jon Savage on Bowie's relationship with William Burroughs and Bowie's fans. The more than 300 color illustrations include personal and performance photographs, album covers, performance costumes, original lyric sheets, and much more.

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"The fans of 50 years or those making discoveries in retrospect will be intrigued by the accompanying book *David Bowie Is* that is far more than a fanzine." —*The New York Times*

"Lends context and picks away at Bowie with such insight that it's a rare hagiography with soul." —*Chicago Tribune*

"Combining top-notch articles on the singer/actor's life and work with official images and reproductions of his fashion and associated ephemera, the hefty, mango-colored book is nothing short of a treasure trove of all things Bowie; a one-stop smorgasbord for the eyes whose pictorials chronicle the groundbreaking star from Ziggy Stardust to Thin White Duke to Heathen and every personality in between." —*Examiner.com*

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