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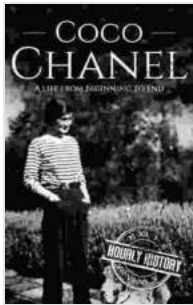
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Coco Chanel was a French fashion designer who is considered one of the most influential figures in 20th-century fashion. She was known for her designs, which were often simple, chic, and modern. She is also credited with popularizing the little black dress, the pearls, and the Chanel No. 5 perfume.

Chanel was born in Saumur, France, in 1883. Her mother died when she was six years old, and her father abandoned the family when she was eleven. Chanel and her siblings were sent to an orphanage, where she learned the basics of sewing. After leaving the orphanage, Chanel worked as a seamstress and a cabaret singer.

In 1910, Chanel opened her first millinery shop in Paris. She quickly gained a reputation for her stylish hats, and her business soon expanded to include clothing. In 1919, Chanel launched her first perfume, Chanel No. 5, which became one of the best-selling fragrances in the world.

During the 1920s, Chanel's designs became increasingly popular. She was known for her use of simple lines, neutral colors, and luxurious fabrics. Her designs were often inspired by the menswear of the time, and she was one of the first designers to create clothes that were both comfortable and stylish.

In 1939, Chanel closed her business due to the outbreak of World War II. She reopened her business after the war, but her designs were no longer as popular as they had been before the war. Chanel died in Paris in 1971 at the age of 87.

Coco Chanel's Legacy

Coco Chanel is considered one of the most influential fashion designers of all time. Her designs have been worn by some of the most famous women in the world, including Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly, and Jackie Kennedy. Her designs are still popular today, and her name is synonymous with luxury and style.

Coco Chanel's Most Famous Creations

- The little black dress
- The pearls
- The Chanel No. 5 perfume
- The tweed suit
- The quilted handbag

Coco Chanel's Quotes

- "A woman should be two things: classy and fabulous."

- "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening."

- "I don't do fashion. I am fashion."

- "Dress shabbily and they remember the dress; dress impeccably and they remember the woman."

- "Luxury must be comfortable, otherwise it is not luxury."

Coco Chanel was a true fashion icon. Her designs were innovative, stylish, and timeless. She is considered one of the most influential fashion designers of all time, and her legacy continues to inspire designers today.

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