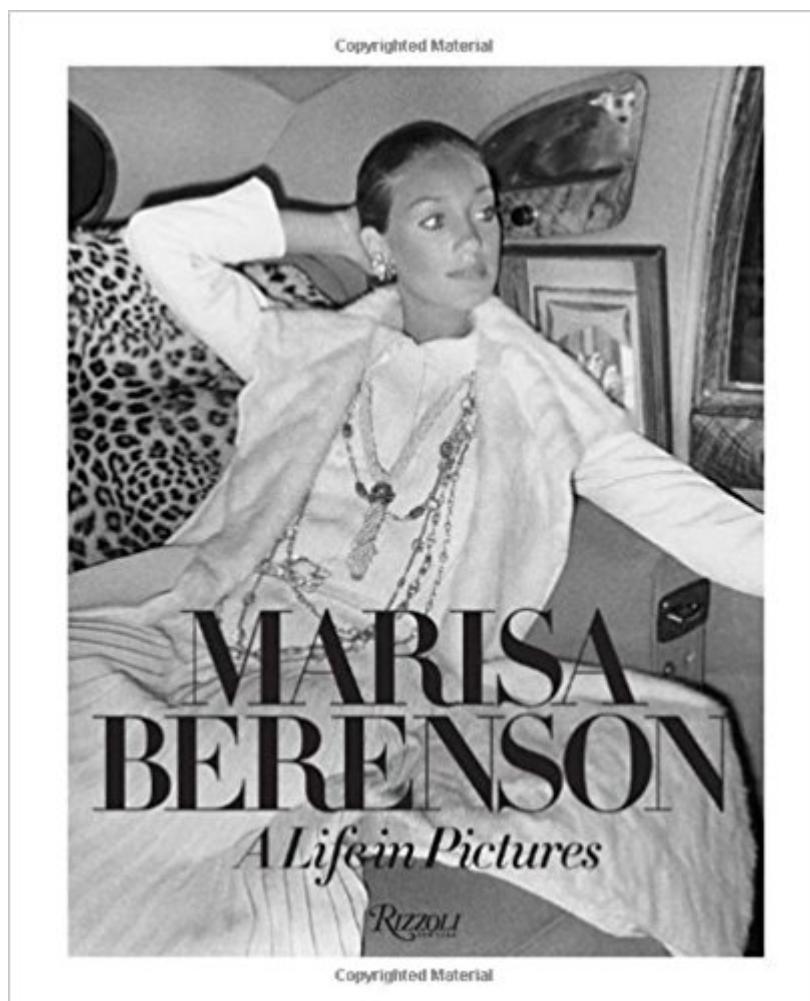


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# Marisa Berenson: A Life In Pictures



## Synopsis

A captivating selection of images by the world's leading photographers celebrating one of the most recognized faces in fashion and film. Dubbed an "It Girl" by Yves Saint Laurent in the early 1970s, Marisa Berenson is the original modern muse-inspiring fashion designers, photographers, stylists, and fashion editors for over thirty years. Born of noble lineage-and the granddaughter of the famed fashion designer Elsa Schiaparelli-Berenson's meteoric rise began formally at age sixteen, leading to numerous covers and editorials in *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and countless other high-end fashion and society magazines. Her timeless beauty and chameleonlike talent for transformation soon led to her entry into film, where she landed leading roles in the period films *Cabaret*, *Death in Venice*, and Stanley Kubrick's lavish production of *Barry Lyndon*. This captivating collection of fashion editorials, magazine covers, film stills, and candid photos were captured by the leading photographers and filmmakers of the day, including Richard Avedon, Irving Penn, David Bailey, Hiro, Helmut Newton, Henry Clarke, Norman Parkinson, Robert Mapplethorpe, and Steven Meisel, among many others. This lavish yet intimate volume details a visual biography of Berenson, and demonstrates the lasting resilience that continues to make her an enthralling and legendary visage.

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I remember looking at my mother's *Vogue* magazines & seeing a beautiful model that I was later to know was named Marisa Berenson. Ms. Berenson truly defined an era, the boomers at the height of

flower power & the apotheosis of post-modern. So I was delighted when I saw this book & couldn't wait to get it. Being weaned on my mom's fashion magazines, the 60's and early '70s fashion images are indelibly branded in my memory. Unfortunately, I am not sure how to make sense of the book; it just doesn't hang together. The full page photos by the iconic photographers, Penn, Scavullo, de Rosnay, Aarons, Horst, etc. are unquestionably stunning, but there are questionable editorial choices that I would not have expected of Rizzoli, which really takes away from the book. Either Ms. Berenson was ill advised, or the editors rushed to print? To wit: Some photos are obviously reproductions of photos; not produced by negatives. The result is that the images are grainy, and image quality not what I would expect of a fine publisher. Some photos have been enlarged when they were never meant to support an image 5x the original, and sadly suffer distortion. Only the first few full photo pages/last few photo pages of the book have dates of when photos were taken. The inside of the book is characterized by pages of photos, some full page and others punctuated by mish-mash collages of thumbnail photos showing Ms. Berenson with people who she hobbed nobbed with - some famous, some, well who cares, there are so many thumbnail images. It sort of has the feel of a high school yearbook. Each thumbnail photo is numbered & individuals identified by name on a side bar of the page. Some numbers don't match, some individuals are misnamed, some are named but are not in the picture! (E.g.

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