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"Reading Karbo is like listening to a dear friend talk about the legendary designer over brunch." --*Los Angeles Times*

"We're in a period of Coco-worship, with a number of new books and films about her. But before you overdose, check out 'The Gospel' for useful insights into some of the strategies and traits that made Ms. Chanel a mogul . . . The humorous commentary makes it all worthwhile." --*Wall Street Journal*

From the Inside Flap

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Born in 1883 in a poorhouse in southern France to unmarried parents, Chanel was raised in a convent after her mother died when she was six and her father abandoned her. The nuns taught her to sew, and while working as a café singer in the early 1900s she began designing hats for fun. Her lovers included a wealthy English industrialist, who helped her set up her own millinery shop and steered his society friends her way.

Chanel grew up to be the woman who not only gave us the little black dress and boxy jackets, but also popularized pants for women and easy, practical clothes that allowed women a chic freedom they'd never known before. In her strong-headed, elegant, opinionated, passionate, entirely French way, Coco Chanel helped bring women into the modern era. She was the only fashion icon to be named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People of the 20th Century.

The Gospel According to Coco Chanel is a captivating, offbeat look at style, celebrity, and self-invention—all held together with Karbo's droll Chanel-style commentary and culled from an examination of Chanel's difficult childhood and triumphant adulthood, passionate love affairs, career choices, habits, eccentricities, and personal philosophies. Weaving Chanel's life story into chapter themes that subtly convey life lessons, and with Chesley McLaren's charming illustrations, it will leave the reader utterly entranced with, and inspired by, Chanel's amazing individuality, confidence, and determination.

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