

Wild Child To Couture Style

The Shailah Edmonds Story

Inspirational Life Story Revealed About an International Black Model Who Got Her Start in Paris in the 1980's Despite Incredible Odds

New York, NY – Former High-Fashion Runway Model reveals all in a captivating autobiography!

When we watch a model with her polished, to-die-for glamour walk the runway, it may not look to us like she's taking many steps. But for Shailah Edmonds, the runway she's walked in life to reach the heights of her profession might be measured this way: How far is it from Portland to Paris?

Her brave and often daring journey from her hometown of Portland, Oregon, and how against all odds, she went on to become a most sought-after couture model in Paris and around the world – it's all contained in her new book, *Wild Child To Couture Style: The Shailah Edmonds Story*, now available in paperback, Kindle and Audible on Amazon or via her website shailahedmonds.com

"This book is a must-read for any young woman who dares to venture into this most demanding and high-paying profession of modeling," writes Walter Jones, playwright-in-residence at the Public Theater in New York. "Ms. Edmonds shows how a novice can survive daily rigors...to stay focused to make this their lifelong profession."

In her book, Shailah shares her personal account of her life's story, with her humble beginnings in Portland as a teenage mom which she thought would put an end to her dreams of becoming an actress or model. Then fate stepped in and through her own hard work, perseverance and personality, she skyrocketed to a wildly successful international high-fashion runway model career that spanned two decades.

Shailah walked runways in Germany, Italy, Paris, Tokyo, London, Africa, and the US for Yves St. Laurent, Dior, Valentino, Bill Blass, Versace, Armani, among other top designers. She dominated magazine covers around the globe from Time Magazine Europe, to Women's Wear Daily (six times), and was featured in French Elle,

L'Officiel, Vogue, Versace catalog among many others. Shailah also reveals her incredible social life with celebrities, the many loves that came and went, her wild Studio 54 days, and even her success as a backup singer for Fred Schneider of the B52s!

Of course the road was not always so smooth. In her book, Shailah shares the many challenges she faced and overcame through the years, including being told "no" due to her race, sexual predators, divorce, balancing her family and career, surviving the drug scene of her industry as well as some harrowing life threatening situations...all which she learned from and continued moving forward. Through her colorful storytelling, Shailah shares the many life and career lessons that anyone - especially women - can appreciate.

The book has historic pictures and chronicles the era when black models were the rage in Paris, not only focusing on Shailah, but also paying homage to all the Black models who became expats because of the lack of work in America. It appeals to young adult and adult fashionistas, both male and female, and ends with a tutorial for aspiring models.

The serendipitous and adventurous path of a woman who's lived it to the hilt, with talent and style, and who has traveled the globe in a dream profession – it can all be experienced in *Wild Child To Couture Style: The Shailah Edmonds Story*, by Shailah Edmonds with Chester J. Fultz.

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