

Mail Order Fashions

for the Dark Romantic

*Two of the most elegant catalogues of gothic clothing and accessories ever to grace a coffee table are those by **Atrocities** and **Siren**.*

The Atrocities catalogue of "Gothickry to wear amongst the shadows of the night" is laid out as lovingly as the collection of ornate, time-worn tapestries in the Cluny Museum. Each photo tells a story steeped in atmosphere, such as the "The Deadliest Poison" of an evil queen, veiled and brooding, standing in the morning sun amidst ruins of her castle. Another favorite is the "October" duo, the lady in her Victorian mourning hat and velvet patchwork shawl, watching longingly for her lover to arrive at their secret spot deep in the woods. Her noble courtier arrives on foot with his walking stick placed ever so proudly before him, his dashing cape draped over his shoulder "in the style of Hamlet."

Each photo is bordered by *mille fleurs* patterns and coiling vines, with clever captions and detailed descriptions below every piece. The cover photo of Kambriel is as subtle and majestic as a Flemish primitive painting of a 15th-century lady. It immediately draws us into the rich narrative of this clothing catalogue and makes us long to leave this era, wearing pieces from the Atrocities collection. Each item from Atrocities is hand-made to order with personal attention given to customers' detail preferences, favorite fabrics and fit. Wearing anything made by them is akin to wearing a lavish work of art.

