

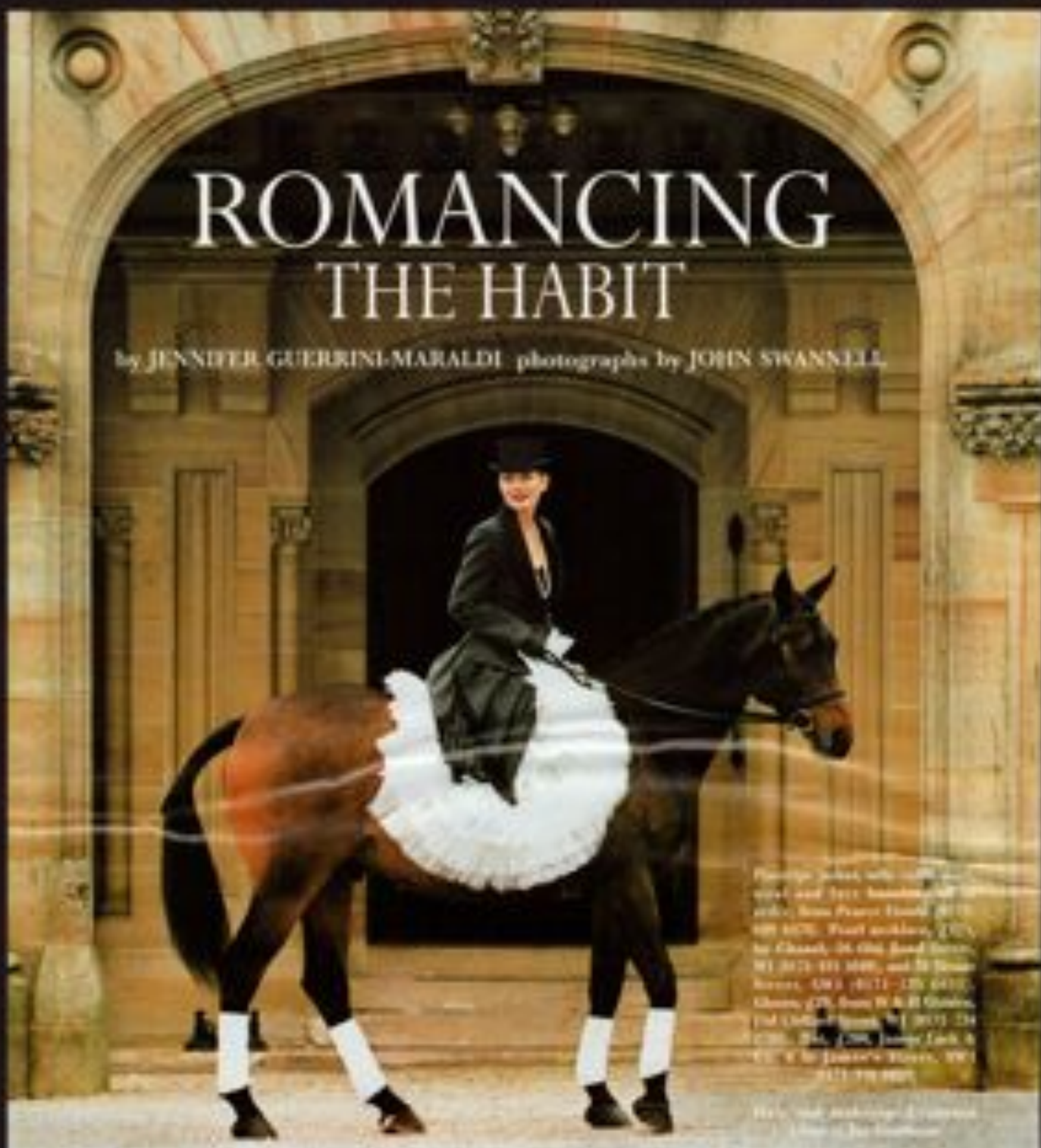
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THE British penchant for lacey
dresses is alive and kicking. This season, designers Andrew Gurney and Prada showcase collections with a devoted historical bent, placing special emphasis on the new-length long skirt.

Engage velvet brocade and silk top hats
look totally at home with Andrew Gurney's

seric contemporary culturing of wool, silk
and billowing tulle silk tulle. Prada
Fendi's collection is particularly inspired
by Tasha Russo in herman and the elegance
of aristocracy.

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