



TRANSLATING THE TRENDS



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WOMEN'S: VICTOR, VICTORIAN

In the Victorian era, it was admirable for women to dress modestly, lest they expose their ankles. With today's more conservative mood—gone are the excessive flashes of skin so favored just a few seasons ago—it's no surprise that the Victorian lace-up boot has made its triumphant return. That isn't to say, however, that your customers cover up; it's advisable to play fast and loose with this timeless boot, especially when you mix materials and genres like Tracy Reese does. Briana by Anyi Lu (\$495), Jenna by Pour La Victoire (\$325.95), Feminine by Poetic Licence (\$195), Otero by Sergio Zelter Designs (\$345) and Icarus by Taryn Rose (\$895).



Anyi Lu



Taryn Rose



Sergio Zelter Designs



Pour La Victoire



Poetic Licence

HOW TO WEAR IT

For Anyi Lu, Victorian boots are a novel way to inject some womanly touches in traditional menswear silhouettes. "My Victorian-style boot," she says, "adds a feminine spin to menswear-inspired styles for fall '08." Lu views the Briana as a "perfect complement to a pencil skirt or slim-cut trousers."