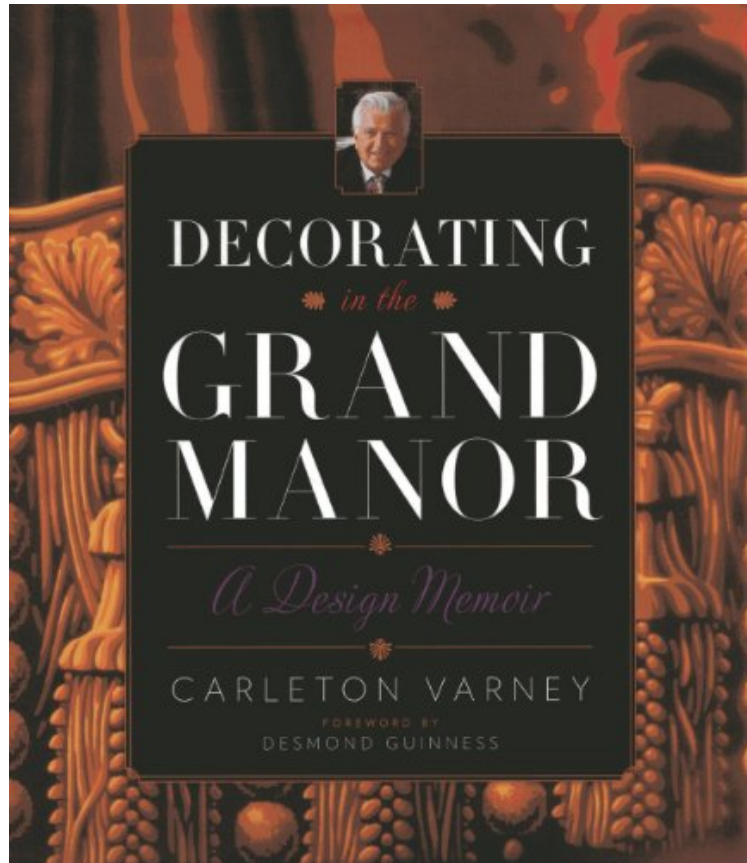


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A must-have for any design enthusiasts, especially those interested in Carleton Varney and Dorothy DraperInsider

views of the world's most famous resorts, the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. Perfect compendium to HSN's television show, *Live Vividly*. As practical as it is beautiful, this book contains decorating advice from one of *Architectural Digest's* "Deans of Design." "Everything's grand" says decorator extraordinaire, Carleton Varney. After over forty years in the interior design business, Varney opens his archive and brings together his favorite large-scale luxury decorating projects, including an Irish country manor, a sixteenth-century castle, a colonial mansion, a Southern plantation, along with two of his best-loved resorts - the Greenbrier in West Virginia and the "Queen of the Great Lakes", Michigan's Grand Hotel. On these pages, he also showcases his most recent private residential project - a 6000 square foot Mediterranean-style home, near the Rio Grande. In *Decorating in the Grand Manor*, Varney focuses our attention on all the elements of elegant design, from crystal chandeliers to magnificent architectural details and dispenses his time-honored advice on how to achieve the look at home.

All of that color and vibrancy, which are hallmarks of Varney's style of decorating, is like a mood-lifter and pep pill rolled into one fun read. (Jennifer Boles *The Peak of Chic*, 02/27/2014) **About the Author** Carleton Varney grew up in Nahant, Massachusetts. Varney graduated from Oberlin College. His studies took him to the University of Madrid and Europe. Upon returning to New York in 1962, he earned a Master's Degree in Education from New York University and later joined the decorating firm of Dorothy Draper and Company, Inc where he has been owner and president for over forty years. Varney writes a regular syndicated column that appears in the *Palm Beach Daily News*. He has published twenty-seven books on decorating, penned two novels, and written the official biography of Dorothy Draper.