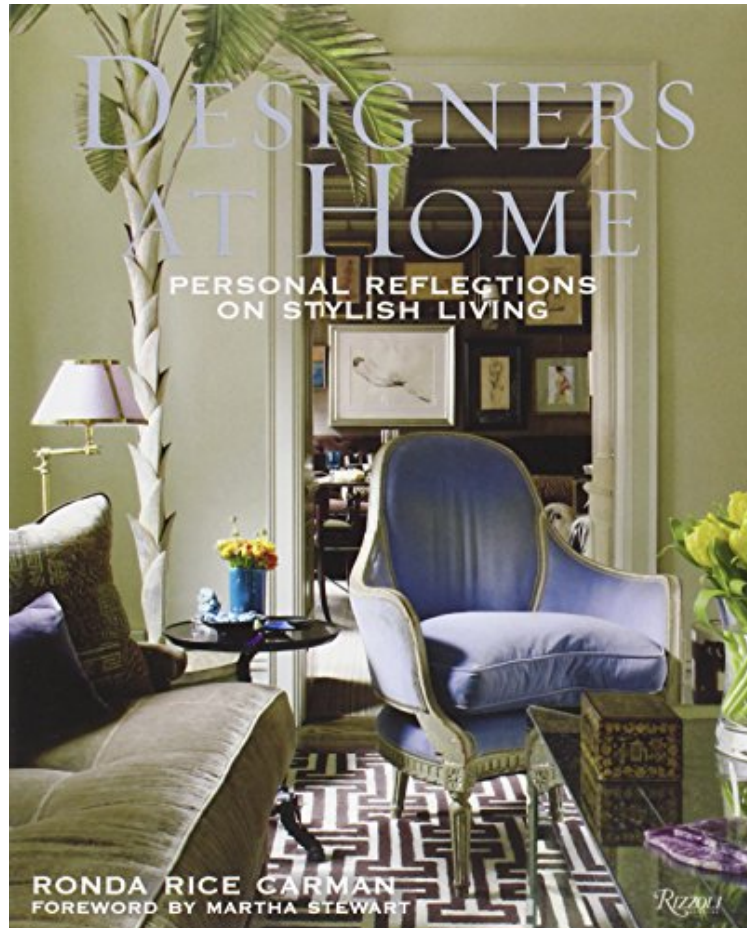


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Ronda Rice Carman : Designers at Home: Personal Reflections on Stylish Living before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Designers at Home: Personal Reflections on Stylish Living:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. It's Okay!! By Keen Overall, it's an okay book. Most of the photographs are small, and there are no descriptions of the photographs. Further, if the homeowner has more than one home, and most of the designers do, you cannot tell which home you are viewing. I found it boring to read about what candles are burned and what sheets are dressing the beds. There are no great design secrets or bits of wisdom to inspire. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. A Stylish Collection of Designers' Rooms at Home By L. M. Keefer Opening their homes to us, fifty designers from the Americas, U.K. and Europe share images of rooms in their homes, and their personal reflections on elements of stylish living, with author-blogger Ronda Rice Carman of ALL THE BEST blog. In their own words, designers reflect upon entertaining, entrances, beautiful beds, flowers and fragrances, creature comforts and decorative details in a paragraph on each of these topics in this book. For example,

they list things they like in linens, mattresses, flowers, scented candles, how and where they entertain, what soothes them (hot baths, walks, music etc.) so these reflections seem more like a conversation among friends than design tips. It's a personal glimpse seeing how designers create a comforting home for themselves. Background information on each designer by Carman is accompanied by images of the designers' rooms at home. Designers' personal remarks on stylish living are in sidebars on the pages. Each of the designers has one to three full-page images devoted to their rooms, and then multiple images on other pages. The book is about 7" X 9" so it's not a large book, but it's thick with about 300 pages and over 300 full-color images. This is an accessible and colorful overview of, and introduction to, designers working today. The styles inside the book represent a mix of styles, except for the more minimalist, modern styles. While you may have seen some of the rooms before, some have a different camera angle on the room so the images seem fresh. And the images are appealing. After looking at many designers' books and web sites, I usually like the rooms in their own homes the best. Not sure why - perhaps it is because if designers can decorate for themselves, there's a greater sense of freedom or the ability to experiment. Or, if as Albert Hadley said, "Decoration is not some mystery...it's the expression of personality," the designers' unique personalities show up so charmingly in their own homes. Would be intriguing to hear designers' ideas on this. As you peruse the book, you can enjoy imagining which rooms you would like to move into. Right now, I'm fantasizing about Robert Passal's sultry brown banquetted dining room (the tufted banquette makes into a bed for guests for a guest bedroom!), Philip Gorrivan's chic chocolate and white comfortable family room, Nicky Haslam's English folly, Christopher Spitzmiller's egg yolk color-painted living room, Suzanne Christopher Sharp's gray and red office with one of their rug company's sassy rugs, Suzanne Rheinstein's cozy and creamy brown library, Malcolm James Kutner's warm and modernish sitting room, Maureen Footer's NYC dining-library corner, Matthew Patrick Smyth's office with curved desk, Scot Meacham Wood's tartan living room... well, you get the idea. Frankly, it would be a delight to live in any of these rooms. While there are some kitchens and baths featured, most are bedrooms, living rooms, dining rooms, libraries, entries and offices. One exercise that is fun to do with a book like this, to learn from these designers' taste, is look at each room and decide which element you like the best - what would you like to take home with you? A charming silhouetted mirror, animal print chair, ruffled drape, chunky red coffee table, chinoiserie lamp? This helps you articulate your taste, and you may see something you might not have noticed before. Designer David Hicks said once: "The most important lesson I learned during my time at art school was the value of looking 'actively'. Ask yourself what you think about everything you see. Encourage yourself to form opinions -- about paintings, the color of a car, a flower arrangement. Discipline goes hand in hand with good taste." Looking at these rooms, and forming opinions about their style, is certainly a pleasant form of discipline. This is a unique addition to any design library. If you like the cover image of Robert Passal's living room (with the sexy brown dining space beguiling your eye behind it), you should enjoy the many original styles collected under the stylish cover.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the Best! By Charles F. Allen Jr. I'm a "collector" (of sorts) of interior design books. A shelf in my library is filled with books of interior design. Recently I bought DESIGNERS AT HOME: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON STYLISH LIVING. As the title indicates, it is brim full of wonderful designers' homes decorated so beautifully that your mouth will water. Page after page, the book is filled with the homes...houses, condominiums, apartments...that are decorated and lived in by professional decorators. Order your own copy today. You will thank me tomorrow! Charles Allen Daytona Beach, Florida

Ronda Rice Carman, founder of the popular lifestyle blog All the Best, takes readers on a guided tour through the houses of renowned designers, who share their thoughts on gracious living and how they bring their professional philosophies home. Designers at Home: Personal Reflections on Stylish Living presents the personal living spaces of fifty distinctive design leaders, including Charlotte Moss, Celerie Kemble, Ashley Hicks, Barry Dixon, India Hicks, Vicente Wolf, Martyn Lawrence Bullard, Kevin Sharkey, Suzanne Rheinstein, Rose Tarlow, Jay Jeffers, Michelle Nussbaumer, Jan Showers, Alex Papachristidis, Madeline Stuart, Matthew Patrick Smyth, Colette van den Thillart, Malcolm James Kutner, Ken Fulk, Scot Meacham Wood, Bunny Williams and more. These select dwellings range from chic apartments and luxurious estates, to charming country homes.

"Showing the desirable homes of a variety of American interior designers, it is refreshing and full of ideas which you too might be happy to come home to." --Australian Vogue Living
In her debut book Ronda Rice Carman shares the design philosophies and stories behind fifty chic spaces of the decorating world's top players. --Elle Decor
"Each page is filled with inspiring home design, ideas for entertaining, and imagery that invites readers to explore the idiosyncrasies of design while infusing their homes with individuality and flair." --Houston Lifestyles Homes
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