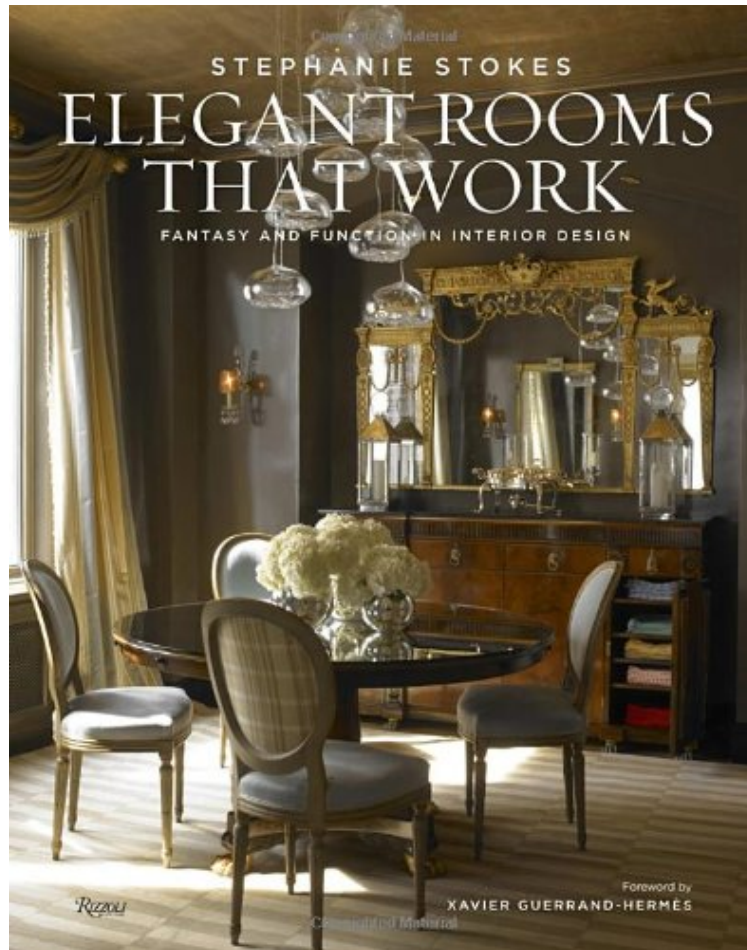


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Stokes's apartment in person. The high quality and beautifully shot photos do their very best to do justice to her timeless design that has a current edge while preserving classic elements that will endure. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Rooms that a Really Do Function Perfectly By Betsy The photos are gorgeous, but what makes this book special, is the detailed discussion of why many design decisions were made. It's about making rooms multifunctional and building in storage well before making rooms beautiful. But they are beautiful. Of course, these are big budget rooms. However, the design principles can certainly be adapted to more middle class decorating. Even if your style is different, this is a great resource volume.

Known for her understated elegance, Stephanie Stokes explains how to maintain fantasy and functionality in home decor by focusing on the planning of comfortable and multipurpose spaces that include attractive storage. New York-based interior designer Stephanie Stokes has dealt with demanding spaces in apartments and houses worldwide. With consummate skill, she has delivered unparalleled efficiency of space without sacrificing style. This design primer is organized by room type from living rooms and kitchens to bedrooms and entryways. Her ingenious solutions to the challenges of creating a livable environment from clever and attractive storage units to libraries that convert gracefully to guest rooms and home offices are inspirational to all homeowners. With exacting precision, she plans every anticipated need and can turn the tiniest of spaces into a cornucopia of cabinetry and imaginative storage. Her secrets for using every cubic inch while creating atmospheric environments that work are illustrated in this attractive yet practical book.

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