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Decorating The Way I See It



Synopsis

Known for his ability to work in any design vernacular, Markham Roberts brings a fresh approach to traditional and contemporary styles alike. His work is not defined by signature looks or design trends. Rather, using an inventive combination of layered patterns and color as well as bold juxtapositions of furniture of different styles and periods, custom designs, and works of art from around the world, he creates interiors that have been described as "the very definition of chic." Roberts structures the book as he would a project, taking readers step-by-step through the design process, beginning with the basic interior elements—floor plan and furniture layout, color palette and fabric schemes, furniture selection, and incorporation of objects and art—and moves on to architecture, landscaping, and gardens, showing the important interrelationship between interior and exterior design. Finally, he puts all of the pieces together, using his own country house, a nineteenth-century gentleman's farm in the Hudson Valley, as an example. Illustrated with more than 350 photographs of some forty projects, including New York City apartments large and small, historic estates on Long Island, seaside Florida mansions, stately Southern and Midwestern houses, rustic Montana ski retreats, and modern Puget Sound compounds, *Decorating: The Way I See It* reveals Markham Roberts's diversity and sophistication as a decorator. Whether working on private projects or for clients across the country, he infuses interiors with his personal, and exceptionally personable, touch.

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Customer Reviews

WOW! Markham Roberts really sets a new high bar for interior design books with *Decorating The Way I See It*. I am an interior design enthusiast, and have collected a library filled the work of the great architects and decorators. This book is an important addition to my collection and any design library. I have followed Roberts' work for many years, and admire his inventive and non-obvious choices with color and pattern, which go beyond trends and really capture the mood of the place. He also really gets furniture, objects and art, all of which are used in new ways that seem unexpected but just right. His interiors age well, and will hold up over time, unlike the work of so many. There is a wide range of projects in the book, from around the country, and many projects that have never been published before. The photography, by Nelson Hancock, is exceptional, with incredibly beautiful and atmospheric lighting that further brings the rooms to life, in contrast to entombed look of so much interior photography. Along with the outstanding photography, the inventive layout of the book is both useful, taking one through the design process; unexpected, unlike the standard Rizzoli formula; and fun. I have read, reread, and re-reread this book so many times, and am still surprised to find something new at every sitting. Well done!

Decorating the Way I See It is an attractive and engaging book, filled with beautiful images of a wide variety of Markham Roberts's™ design projects. Each page is more intriguing than the next, showcasing all of the stunning fabrics, furniture, art, and personal collectibles that Roberts's™ brings together in his inspiring interiors. Not only is the book appealing to look at, it is also informative and laid out in a fluid way that is easy to understand. *Decorating the Way I See It* is the perfect addition to one's™ design library, or to have as an eye-catching coffee table book that will surely draw attention when you're entertaining!

I bought this coffee table book for my apartment and was immediately inspired by Markham Roberts work. The beauty, diversity and depth of his work is truly remarkable and one can't help but pour over all of the beautiful rooms splashed across the pages. You seriously can't help but share it with all of your guests that come for cocktails/dinner - it is a great addition to any coffee table, bookshelf, design library...I HIGHLY recommend it!

Dazzlingly photographed and with a distinct and unique voice, leafing through this gorgeous book feels like you are having a one-on-one meeting with the esteemed decorator himself. But don't be intimidated! Roberts' advise is fully accessible, with healthy doses of humor and wit woven through. Enjoy!

'Decorating the Way I See It' is a beautiful and inspiring book on design. It is thoughtfully laid out, well written and showcases a wide range of projects. I love the fabrics, colors, and beautiful details. 'Decorating the Way I See It' is the perfect coffee table book (I have one on mine) or addition to your design library. Very well done and highly recommended!

This book is an absolute gift to anyone who appreciates fine design. It's my absolute go to gift for giving this Christmas. Markham's design is so elegant, and yet so livable. His mix of fabrics...pattern and texture...is remarkable. Every page in this book shows his unique talent. To live with his design must be a treat beyond words. Love this beautiful book!

Wow! The most beautiful, inspiring, and helpful design book out now. This book is filled with fresh and inspiring interiors, each one uniquely sophisticated and perfectly layered. The textured python cover beneath the books jacket make this the most chic coffee table book I have ever seen! Such a great gift.

Buy "The Way I See It" for the beautiful cover to display on your coffee table, read it for the fabulous homes, amusing anecdotes, and insider tips. Robert's unique and sophisticated voice resonates throughout the book, bringing an extra layer of charm and wisdom to what could have easily stood alone as a gorgeous catalogue of his most astonishing works.

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