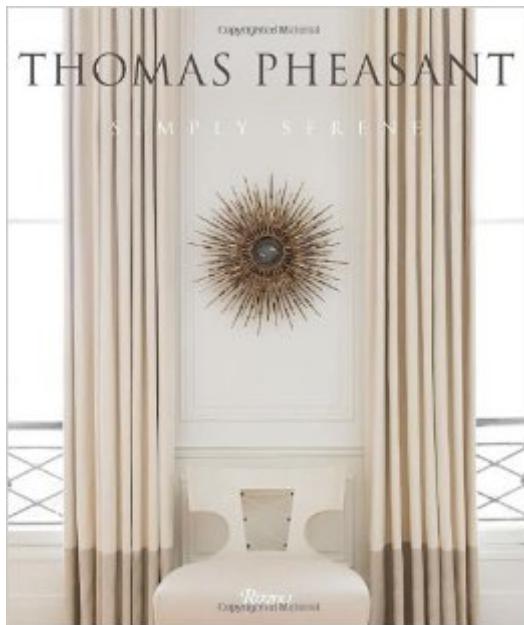


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Thomas Pheasant: Simply Serene



Synopsis

The work of influential, award-winning interior designer Thomas Pheasant is best described as "contemporary classical" and simply serene. Celebrated interior designer Thomas Pheasant is best known for his seamless melding of tradition and the contemporary. His spaces are fresh and of the age yet also enduringly timeless. Balancing classical elements, like recessed paneling, pilasters, crown moldings, and carved plaster garlands, Pheasant introduces modern details, sometimes including such flourishes and surprising complements as a scroll coffee table and a room screen of ribbed, translucent glass. Unafraid of combining pieces from various traditions, he achieves a sense of harmony and balance. This lavish offering of his work gives the reader a sensible, artful approach to interior design, presenting models of great aesthetic subtlety and beauty. Based in Washington, D.C., Thomas Pheasant works around the globe. Recent projects include the redesign of Blair House, the President's guest house on Pennsylvania Avenue across from the White House, and apartments in Washington, New York, Paris, and Moscow. Never a strict by-the-book traditionalist, Pheasant responds to and sees in classicism its rational order, its quietude, its serenity.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a huge fan of Thomas Pheasant - both the work and the man. I buy lots of design books, and usually after a quick flip through, they go on the bookshelf to look pretty and collect dust with the rest. This one...this one stays on my desk as I pour over the pages and find inspiration in each image. I keep finding myself saying "oh...look at that!", "look at that!". His work is the embodiment of

elegance. You can't help but be inspired by this book!

In this hectic life it is inspiring to read and look at this book. You can feel the beauty and peacefulness that can be brought to any home. While the photographs (some by Pheasant himself) are helpful his actual descriptions of his process in how he thinks and views a space is what is most instructive. Simply serene is how we want our home, our sanctuary to be and Pheasant helps us make it so.

In 24hr...I've been thru the book 3 times already...this man knows what Classic/Modern means...each and every room screams WOW!!..Can see his furniture piece becoming iconic in years to come...Stylish,sexy,clean...airy....Can't go on...gonna take another peak

I am a person who loves lots of color in my decor, especially strong colors such as red and black, but I really admire Mr. Pheasant's style of design. Also in this book he demonstrates he can get the same calming effects with dramatic colors as he can with very calming colors such as white and beige because he knows how to mix the various shades of these colors and provide a lot of texture that prevents them from becoming boring. He also beautifully mixes traditional and contemporary architecture and items throughout a structure. The photography in the book is outstanding (some of them taken by Mr. Pheasant) and wonderfully demonstrates Mr. Pheasant's genius as a designer as well as his skill involving architecture. I highly recommend this book.

I once picked up this book at the National Gallery of Art gift shop and flipped through it. The photos are lovely but many I've seen before. I put it down and didn't buy. It was only after I bought the book on and started reading it did I see its true value. Thomas Pheasant writes beautifully and tells us just what he thinks makes good design. It's a great handbook when one is buying a home, beginning a renovation, or decorating. His advice is sound and very helpful. So you get two books in one--a lovely coffee table book of beautiful interiors and also a great how-to guide. I will gladly use his advice. In fact, I probably ruined it as a coffee table book because I began highlighting his words. Once read, you'll look at your rooms with a wiser eye.

While not always simple, Pheasant is certainly serene. Purchased for inspiration, there is plenty to be found. His clarity matching simplicity with detail lets your eyes feast on each room. This is a heavy, masterfully produced book making it a beautiful presentation as well.

I like the layout of the book - but many of the photographs are black and white - and I would enjoy the book even more if more of the photos were in color.

What a magnificent book. Beautiful Photos. Provides an education about the complexities of creating a serene environment. Wonderful gift. Well priced, at least \$60.00 at the bookstores. But it would still be worth the purchase.

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