Danish Modern
Synopsis

For serious furniture collectors, Danish is more than a pastry—it's an art form. Twentieth century Danish furniture design is simple and clean, mixes well with other design styles, and has an inherent value and history beyond its beauty. In Modern Danish, Andrew Hollingsworth explores the history of Danish design, from the earliest cabinetmakers' guilds in the 1770s through the impact of two world wars, and its evolution into the twentieth century. The book includes photographic surveys of Danish Modern furniture in homes across the United States; a market guide with tips, facts and resources that includes discussions of veneer vs. solid wood, places to find Danish Modern furniture, and a guide to caring for it; and an extensive resource section.

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Customer Reviews

I was absolutely shocked when I got this book. Having many design books, I thought this looked like it could be a good one, however I had no idea that it was going to be as good as it is. The layout and organization are amazingly well done by a team that is obviously extremely familiar with this design genre. This is a present for a friend however you can believe that I’m getting another copy for myself as well.

This book provides an overview of Danish modern furniture. It is a good start for anyone interested in the subject, especially if you were not around during the 50s and 60s. Well photographed and written.
I actually grew up in the 40s and 50s at FLW’s Fallingwater where modern design, especially Scandinavian, was and continues to be a part of my nature. So, after embarking on my engineering career I furnished my home with Scandinavian furniture. I bought my first copy of Danish Modern several years ago from and was enthralled by the illustrations of some heretofore undiscovered Scandinavian designers in the 20th century. As noted, I enjoy a lot of classical Danish furniture and objects shown in the book and if I can believe the auction sites, the fine craftsmanship and design of Danish Modern furniture has more than kept up with inflation. It is a good investment! This book provides an excellent summary of the history of Danish furniture and provides fine examples in excellent photos of the universal design principals therein. I purchased a second copy for myself after giving my first copy to a friend who is more appreciative of Danish design that I am; she is married to a friend from Denmark.

The sneak previews didn’t give much sense of the book, so I was a little nervous about ordering it. It turns out to be a beautiful coffee table book - but is also an excellent reference. It covers more than the 50’s/60’s era furniture most often associated with this style - interesting for those who like a little more background on how styles develop.

I love this beautifully illustrated book. Lots of gorgeous photos and ideas for rooms with a Scandinavian aesthetic. I come back to this often and find a new idea each time.

I’ve been learning all I can about the midcentury design movement, I knew the Scandinavians were at the forefront, but this book was a deep education showing why and how. The author has a light touch, not overly professorial, so it was a good read.

Decent basic book on early Danish furniture design. Omits mention of many companies producing the designs i.e. Pohl Hundevad, Falster etc. Not comprehensive! Beware of the Kindle edition; it works fine on Microsoft operating systems i.e. XP, but crashes the Kindle reader on Android 4.2 and 4.4 devices. I was advised by to uninstall and reinstall the AP; which I did without resolving the problem. Does not have a provision that I have found to allow deletion and reloading of the Kindle E-book; which may resolve the issue!

A good piece for inspiration. The photos were excellent but probably not enough.
locations were photographed several times. Given the volume of furniture and the influence of this era I was expecting a bit more. The text was good and I enjoyed reading it.

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