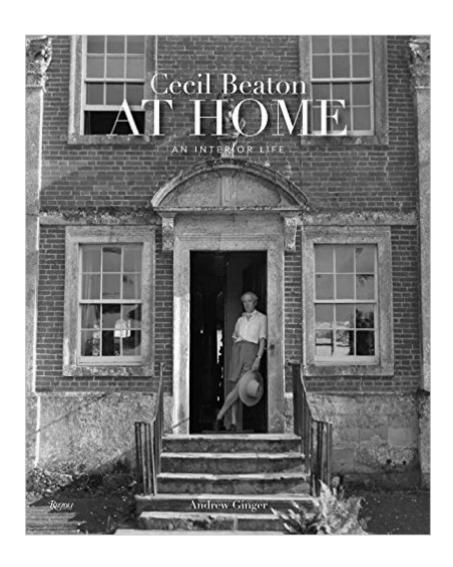
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A private view of the genius of Cecil Beaton, reflected through the lens of his town and country idylls, and his passion for interior design, gardening, and entertaining a circle of Bright Young Things. Cecil Beaton (1904â "1980) was one of twentieth-century Britainâ TMs Renaissance men: photographer, costume designer, set designer, playwright, creator of fashion fabrics, and writer on raffiné interiors and the personalities who inhabited them. He also happened to be a fine interior decorator. Cecil Beaton at Home focuses on two homes dear to Beatonâ TMs heartâ "Ashcombe House, near the Wiltshire village of Tollard Royal, and Reddish House, located in Broad Chalke, another village in the same countyâ "as well as London's Pelham Place and Beatonâ TMs New York hotel suites. Simultaneously a retreat, an inspiration, a photographerâ TMs studio, and a stage for impressive entertaining, Beatonâ TMs country homes also fueled his passion for art, gardening, and delight in village life. Against his often-extravagant interiors, Beatonâ TMs private life unfoldsâ "his unique talent for self-promotion, desire for theatricality, and uncertain pursuit of love. This lavishly illustrated visual biography brings together original photographs, artworks, and possessions from his interiors to present an intimate picture of Beatonâ TMs extraordinary life.

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