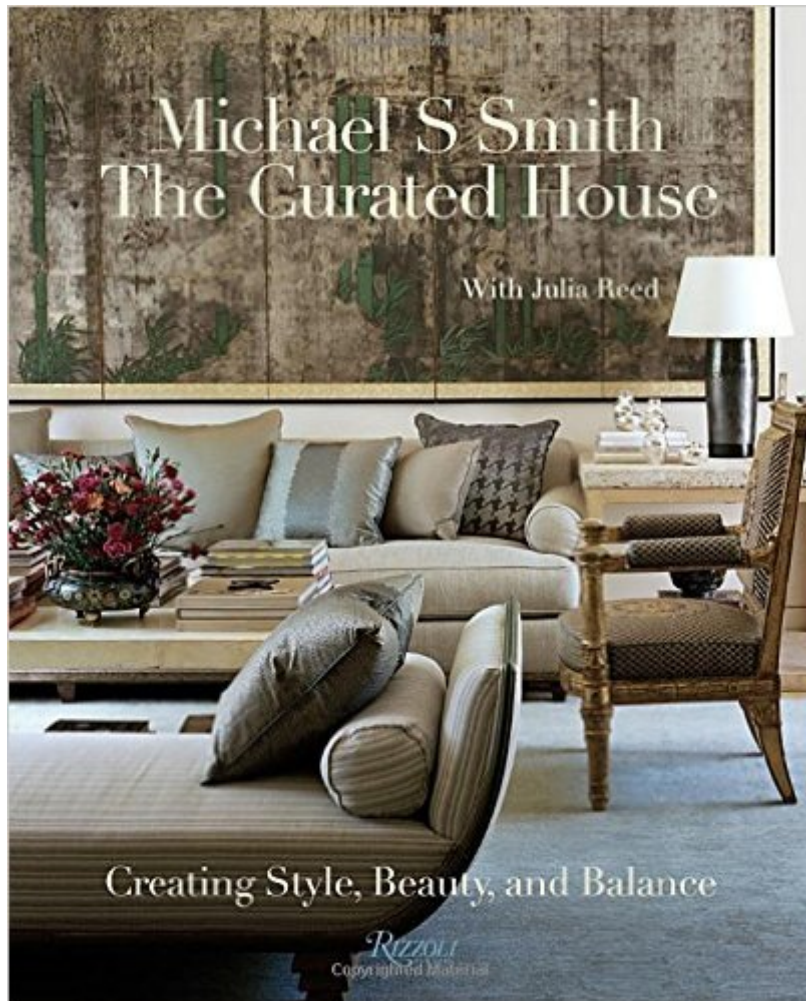


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# The Curated House: Creating Style, Beauty, And Balance



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Michael S. Smith's first collection of new interiors work in seven years. Appearing at a seminal point in Michael Smith's life and career, *The Curated House* is also his most personal book, tracing the origins and influences of his design philosophy in depth and presenting a substantial offering of new projects. In the first section of the book, illustrated with images of Smith's own dramatic Los Angeles house, his spare desert retreat, and his ornate Manhattan apartment, Smith explores his California roots and explains how they still infuse so much of his work; the importance of California's own deep traditions; and how his recent work in Spain has influenced him through its architecture, fabrics, and history. Smith reviews the constants of his interiors, what is integral to his style and why, and how they can work for the reader: from the forms that repeat themselves to the layering of fabrics and patterns, the use of subtle colors, and the idea of comfort in every room. The second part of the book offers case studies of Smith's most recent interiors work, including a high-style Manhattan pied-à-terre, an airy London townhouse, a Montana mountain retreat, and a sophisticated Malibu beach house. Substantive and arresting, *The Curated House* will be Smith's most comprehensive book to date, and essential to those aspiring to his refined, popular style.

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Michael S. Smith shares what to do...and almost more important, what NOT to do. He stays away from expected claptrap for a mountain retreat, and does not resort to beachy cliches when working on seaside houses. Bravo. My favorite designer, my favorite book.

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Beautiful rooms, handsomely presented. Inspirational and a pleasure to spend time with these houses.

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