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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Fresh Breeze in DesignBy L. M. KeeferBreezy, tailored, steady, brave and at ease are the chapter titles in this book around which designer Jeffrey Alan Marks organizes his work for us to see. When you view a room that was designed by Jeffrey Alan Marks, you can't always identify that he was the designer. But you can see the original and thoughtful consideration behind the choices. The goal of his design is to reflect his clients' personal style he says. This book illustrates he is successful in doing just that as evidenced in the variety of stylish rooms Marks has designed. He seems comfortable working in a variety of styles and mixes them adroitly.The book opens with Marks' own Santa Monica hillside, ocean-view home which he shares with his partner Ross. Even if you have seen photos of it before, it looks even better in this book. Although Marks claims the house

itself had no style, charm or sophistication when they bought it, you see how you can take a home lacking those qualities and turn it into a dream home. Marks says his goal in the home wasn't to meld their tastes, but to accent and harmonize the different features of their individual style. The couple use their home as a design lab for ideas. Marks says an architect friend told him once that is why it is called a design "practice". You are always practicing and experimenting. One obvious experiment in this home which turned out well is his sea turtle rug. Yes, there are sea turtles in blue and green crawling all over the rug in the living room. One of the most original rooms in his home is the bath. Instead of lining a cabinet with sinks along the wall, the bathroom seems like a real room with a bureau-vanity in the middle of the room. The vanity has a two-sided mirror, made in France, and sinks on both sides of the mirror and vanity. There's a terry cloth high-backed sofa and linen chaise in the room for relaxing in after the bath, all of which is surrounded by grass cloth walls. Other homes in this book which Marks has decorated stretch from Malibu, to San Fran, to Austin, to Nantucket to London. Marks lived in London initially where he modeled to support his beginning design career. There is a bit of English influence in some of his rooms. He marries it with that casual California sensibility which prizes comfort above all. He wants you to live in all of your rooms every day he says. When you study his rooms, there is usually at least one unexpected design choice in each of them which keeps them fresh. Marks tell us that when clients have two homes, they usually favor their vacation home. This tantalizing insight suggests we should perhaps consider designing our primary home as if we were on vacation. An example of this is a fetching Nantucket home which was also featured on his design show. In another stunning bath in this book, Marks again skipped the tile and marble. He describes, "Another vanity, another place for me to rebel. Rather than the traditional marble and tile, I covered this entire room in a dark-stained walnut - including the cabinets, the floors, the chair, an antique floor mirror, and a collection of brass-trimmed boxes. White Carrara marble counters match the shower, and the domed ceiling painted a chalky white bounce light into the room." Although you may have seen many of Marks' rooms in magazines, on his design show, and on pinterest, they look even better in this book with Douglas Friedman's luminous and rich photography. If you enjoy Marks' design sensibility, it is great to have the collection of his rooms in one volume to peruse for ideas. Marks narrates his thought process of how he designed each room in his own words. If you relish breezy, tailored, intriguing and comfortably engaging rooms, you will want to add this lovely design book to your design library. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Every page had something I wanted! By Beth W. I have been a huge fan of Jeffrey Alan Marks for awhile now, living in Santa Monica I have seen his work (hungry cat restaurant) as well as watched him on Million dollar decorators. The cover seemed almost too subtle and wondered how good it would be but was thrilled when it arrived. It is a fave! Lots of great photos and inspiration. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Patti I am enjoying it

The luxe homes designed by one of Bravo TV's Million Dollar Decorators Jeffrey Alan Marks demonstrate his breezy, tailored look. Jeffrey Alan Marks Inc. (JAM) specializes in residential and commercial interior design and architecture. Inspired by his Southern California outdoor lifestyle, Marks's trademark look is a synthesis of a fresh informality infused with sophisticated English and European accents. His joyous, comfortable spaces are known for their playful charm, vivid colors, and patterns. He contrasts natural materials, such as weathered driftwood, with sleek finishes. This book showcases a series of beautifully photographed residences revealing Marks's skill at capturing each client's personality, from a movie star's London townhouse full of eccentric furnishings to a charming Nantucket cottage with nautical embellishments. A striking surfside vibe energizes his Santa Monica Canyon beach house, where he hung a rowboat from the whitewashed bedroom ceiling. Marks explains how he made each project's room a sanctuary where all details are synchronized. Through collective imagery and intriguing collages, he demonstrates his creative process. Marks's favorite shopping addresses for fabrics, furniture, and antiques complete this inspiring volume.

"One of the Best Design Books of Fall 2013" -Elle Decor "He manages to create enveloping interiors that are both easy and effortless readers will delight in a closer look at his signature Southern California meets regal European interiors. I find myself truly impressed not just with his range (which is vast), but his master of mixing periods and styles. Jeffrey's homes never look decorated or designed. They read as authentic expressions- unique expressions- of the homeowners lives and loves Impressive to say the least. I have gone through the book several times with wide-eyed wonder and appreciation. You must add this to your design library.-Life in a Venti Cup With his casual yet refined style, Jeffrey's design aesthetic is functional and beautiful all at the same time. Covering a wide variety of rooms and spaces he's designed over his career, The Meaning of Home will showcase the depth and diversity of Jeffrey's projects. -Interior Canvas The Meaning of Home showcases the designer's breezy, tailored look inspired by his Southern California outdoor lifestyle a synthesis of a fresh informality infused with sophisticated English and European accents. The book features a series of beautifully photographed residences revealing Jeffrey Alan Marks's skill at capturing each client's personality, from a movie star's London townhouse full of eccentric furnishings to a charming Nantucket cottage with nautical embellishments. Through collective imagery and intriguing collages, he shares his creative process and how he creates a sanctuary where all details are synchronized. -Editor at Large creative, fun, beautiful, and (perhaps most

important) relaxed and livable aesthetic. I could live in practically any of the spaces he has designed, and love every minute of it. -Katedid Blog"Mr. Marks is not a predictable designer nor does he impose a signature look. I would describe him as interpretive in the sense that he translates the needs and tastes of his clients to shape the look of their homes. -Attic Magazinelaid-back luxury bolstered by some cost-effective decorating tips. -Los Angeles TimesJeffrey Alan Marks Meaning of Home is at the top of my listfilled with stunning images of recent projects and personal anecdotes on just exactly what it means to be home. -La Dolce VitaHis timeless design style sings to me. It is classic, but fresh. Through the combination of traditional elements paired with unique edgy accessories he creates elegant masterpieces in his interiors. -The Mustard CeilingThe book strikes the perfect balance of top design and comfort -The Simply Luxurious Life"This book has some of the most beautiful photography of interiors that I have ever seen. Jeffrey penned the text himself, and it is well written. You hear his voice as we have come to know it, and he shares details. details, details." -The Visual VampAbout the AuthorBased in Santa Monica, Jeffrey Alan Marks founded leading interior design firm JAM, which is included in Elle Dcors coveted A-list. The firms projects are profiled in such publications as Elle Dcor, House Beautiful, and Architectural Digest. Marks is also a member of the cast of Million Dollar Decorators. James Beard awardwinning chef Suzanne Goin runs celebrated Los Angelesarea restaurants including Lucques and Tavern, a JAM design. Photographer Douglas Friedman specializes in interiors, architecture, and portraiture.