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following review helpful. Gorgeous book offers little insight into the design approachBy light-yearsThis book is great for inspiration. I love Bilhuber's work and I love the evolution that it has undergone from his first book (more color! more confident!). I just wish there was a little bit more background into the material and color choices and less uninteresting, vague, kind of glib ramblings about luxury, etc. The language of his first book was much more feet on the ground. I couldn't read "Defining Luxury" cover to cover, but I have pored over the pictures countless times.

Jeffrey Bilhuber returns with a second book after *Design Basics*, his successful debut volume. In a lavish new format, the media-savvy designer for tastemakers and celebrities presents his most recent projects from coast to coast. Bilhuber views luxury as essential to every life well-lived, a way of appreciating and sharing our joy in existence, not the exclusive purview of the few. The designer encourages the reader to seek, aspire, and revel in luxury at home, however simple or adorned: from the embrace of the perfectly tufted reading chair to an heirloom vase cradling freshly cut garden roses to a dazzling chandelier that makes light dance. In seven chapters filled with charming anecdotes and lovely observations, the designerwhom Hamish Bowles has likened to a twenty-first century Billy Baldwinexplores the idea of luxury as lifes abundance reflected in a homes varied elements: Discovery, Passion, History, Ornament, Grace, Comfort, and Delight. Each project discussed evokes the many qualities of a distinctively American luxury practically expressed and fully enjoyed at home: beauty, family, refinement, and hospitality. Within these, the reader gleans insight from Bilhubers inimitable style and learns that luxury is about cultivating a state of mind as much as it is about the objects with which we surround ourselves.

"(Bilhuber) encourages his readers to seek luxury regardless of how simple or extravagant..."About the AuthorJeffrey Bilhuber founded his eponymous firm in 1984. Many of his clients are themselves legendary trendsetters: Anna Wintour, Iman and David Bowie, Elsa Peretti, and Mariska Hargitay, among others. His work has been published in more than fifty design books as well as every major national and international shelter magazine.