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My Passion For Design



Synopsis

For nearly five decades Barbra Streisand has been one of the singular figures in American entertainment. From the cabaret to the Broadway stage, from television and film stardom to her acclaimed work as a director, from the recording studio to the concert hall, she has demonstrated that the extraordinary voice that launched her career was only one of her remarkable gifts. Now, in her first book, Barbra Streisand reveals another aspect of her talent: the taste and style that have inspired her beautiful homes and collections. *My Passion for Design* focuses on the architecture and construction of her newest homes, the dream refuge that she has longed for since the days when she shared a small Brooklyn apartment with her mother, brother, and grandparents. A culmination and reflection of Streisand's love of American architecture and design between the eighteenth and twentieth centuries, the book contains many of her own photographs of the rooms she has decorated, the furniture and art she has collected, and the ravishing gardens she has planted on her land on the California coast. In addition to glimpses of her homes, Barbra shares memories of her childhood, the development of her sense of style, and what collecting has come to mean to her. *My Passion for Design* is a rare and intimate private tour into the world of one of our most beloved stars. It will be welcomed by her many fans and all lovers of the great achievements of American design.

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Customer Reviews

Barbra Streisand is the only artist ever to receive Oscar, Tony, Emmy, Grammy, Directors Guild of

America, Golden Globe, National Endowment for the Arts, and Peabody awards, as well as the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Kennedy Center Honors.

just completely fascinating to see how much different the really rich are, Okay, she buys this amazing property on the California coastline and then converts the entire property, grounds included, to look like an old New England Mill. She got them digging and moving earth around and around over and over until it just perfect for her. Put in stone walls, take em down, put in ponds, make it look like they've always been here. the house, its so huge and no one lives really lives in it. She lives in a second smaller house on the property. OMG you've just got to see what she did in her "basement" She builds a replica of a little mall with storefronts and shops. I found this book amazing Not an easy task to satisfy this woman, I wouldn't want to be James Brolin

Amazing book and interesting look into how Barbra Streisand takes you on a journey of building her Dream palace and all that went into it. Well written, gives great insight to her attention to detail and her passion for everything she does. I love this book and have given to many friends and Family members as gifts Don't just look at all the amazing pictures read the entire book to see all the work that went into creating the "Barn House" and her beautiful gardens plus she takes you on a journey of the other 2 houses on the compound This book has been a great inspiration to me as I decorate my own house. Great for getting ideas and learning how much work went into this Dream House. I highly recommend this book! You will love the pictures and the work and attention to every detail that Barbra put into this dream project

I loved Barbara's book! She's quite a woman and a helluva designer. But would I want to be any part of that designing process if I had the know how for it, NEVER! Barbara knows what she wants! And that you will find out immediately at the beginning of the book when you see her various notes she has made to the carpenters about either where she wants something to go or if you did something wrong, etc. You are not going to change her mind about anything even if you think that your idea would make more sense. She wants what she wants and that's that. And on one hand I understand. Look at all the money she has. Why should she settle for things that won't make her happy when she can afford to have the things that will make her happy? However, Barbara is a perfectionist and that could drive just about anyone insane!

I never knew she was such a fantastic writer and her knowledge is amazing. I loved the book so

much I started reading it all over again. Since I started reading it I had three friends get the book because I could not stop raving about it, and they love it just as much as I. Barb if you read this PLEASE write more it was like you were here with me having a cup of coffee and sharing your knowledge. I loved it...

What a beautiful pictorial tour through Ms. Streisand's estate. She has another talent in decorating to add to all the others. It took you through each room and she explained the design and the road taken to get from the thoughts to the finished room. Each item selected has a story behind it and many of the items she had collected for many years just waiting for the right room to place them in. So much love went into her designing of this estate. It is a most amazing tour through her eyes and worth every minute.

Beautiful picture book, but totally out of the realm of the average homeowner. This is a very, wealthy wealthy woman who can afford to bring in fine antiques and bring in the finest workman. She even said she had a sofa recovered twice because she didn't like it as much as she thought she would. How many people can afford to do this? That said, it's a beautiful coffee table book and will spark many design conversations and inspirations.

The building pictures were fabulous. I really wanted to see more of how it was decorated and how I could possibly incorporate some of those ideas in my home. But looking at the pictures there is no way my little income could afford even a lampshade. But it's nice that someone like Barbra has the foresight to see such a grand place and what a pleasure it must be to live in such a wonderful, calming home.

Barbra Streisand has created a "museum" that poses as a "home." This book showcases her fine collection of American Decorative Arts. Her undisputed knowledge of her "show cased" pieces is outstanding. Unfortunately, her "assemblage" fails to create anything more than a personal statement about her love of design. Had Streisand seriously studied architecture and design -- she would have had a blazing career as an interior designer. Her fans will LOVE this book; however, this "house-as-a-stage-set" should, in the future, be converted into a public museum and this book re-printed and placed in the "gift shop." It illustrates Streisand's talent but sadly reveals her lack of discipline and restraint. Had she enjoyed a rich career as a successful interior designer she would have learned a valuable lesson: "One should not show "all-they-know" in a single project.(I looked at

the photographs. I admired the respectful "homages;" and was horrified that she upholstered some Arts and Crafts pieces in "a favorite velvet" which clashes with the wood tone of the frames. I promptly re-gifted the book to one of her adoring and passionate "fans." They were, of course, thrilled to have this book from a talented entertainer.

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