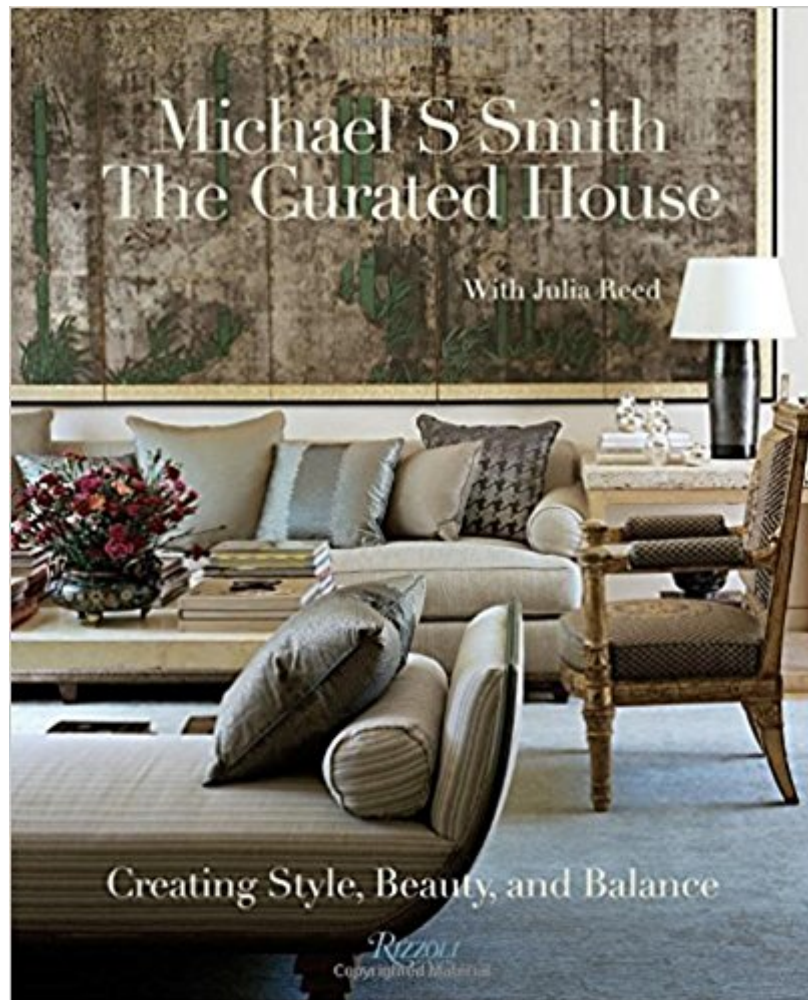




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Internationally renowned, award-winning decorator Michael S. Smith has been named multiple times to Architectural Digest's "The AD 100," and was named Designer of the Year by Elle Decor. He is the author of four previous books: Elements of Style, Houses, Kitchens and Baths, and Building Beauty. In 2010, Smith was appointed by President Obama to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

When my copy arrived, I cancelled my lunch plans and spent the afternoon with this fabulous book. I continue to learn so much from each of Michael's books. The Curated House is the best yet. 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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great interior book for mid century style fans.

Fab book. Thank you.

Great design book

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