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South African Style

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Part of Taschen's Icon series, *South African Style* is a collection of photos portraying the best of South African interior and architectural design. The surprising and multi-hued collection is as diverse as the country and its people. Readers are given a peak into a Dutch colonial home on one page, and then invited into a traditionally painted Ndebele house on the next. Super modern city apartments and lush safari lodges bear testimony to a unique fusion of global and local chic that is thriving in South Africa's interior design industry; while funky artist homes talk about a country alive with creative talent. But as you page through, it is the township interiors that catch the eye – perhaps not so much a question of "design" as making the best of what you have, but astoundingly beautiful for this very reason. *South African Style* reflects the country's tumultuous political history while celebrating its rich culture.