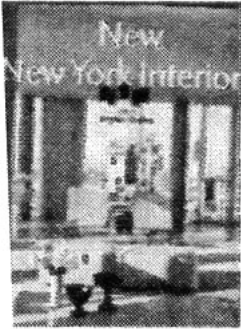


DESIGN


**NEW YORK INTERIORS EDITED BY ANGELIKA
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A decade or so ago, Taschen published its first **NEW YORK INTERIORS** book, filled with some of the most beautiful places in New York. A lot can happen in ten years, so it seemed logical for the company to highlight even more beautiful homes.

This collection is even more impressive than the first. The diversity of the selections is what makes8

the book all the more impressive. There are slightly more than fifty interiors shown, and no matter which ones you view first, they will leave you in awe.

The loft of Joel Grey, star of *Cabaret*, and dozens of other stage plays and films, is filled with items that are part of his entertainment world. It is very unstructured, roomy, and folksy, giving one a feeling of comfort and relaxation.

Another place of note is that of Pieter Esterson, a photographer. His Manhattan apartment home has a penthouse, that was added to the 1903 home. The interior was completely remodeled, a combination of past and present merging. A winding staircase leads to the library.

Jane Holzer, also featured, was a former Andy Warhol groupie of sorts. She has a large collection of Warhol works. But what one notices first is an Egyptian sarcophagus in the library, stark contrast to the elegant leather and wood around it.

Vanes Del Rio, a former big name porn star from the 1970's and 80's, is also featured. Her home is on Staten Island, and has both an Asian and tropical motif. With erotic movie posters on the walls, and an endless sea of high heels and wigs, she has combined the exotic with the erotic in her home.

The diversity of all designs is what makes the book work. Home décor is quite personal, and some of the choices here, may impact you in your own home design plans. From the whimsical to the sophisticated, this book has it all.

RATING: 4 BOOKMARKS