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At an early age, Alexa Hampton learned the language of good design, the vocabulary to speak it, and the elements that define it. As the daughter of interior design legend Mark Hampton, she traveled the world by her fathers side, touring the great architectural landmarks and discovering beauty, training her eye. Now one of Americas most influential designers herself, Alexa Hampton provides a tour of stunning residences from her own portfolio. Eighteen classic spaces illustrate in rich detail the elements that govern cultivated designcontrast, proportion, color, and balance. Among the residences are a landmark 1912 McKim, Mead White restoration on Fifth Avenue in New York City; an eclectic house by the sea layered in textures, patterns, and colors; a contemporary apartment distinguished by simple geometry and clean lines; and Hamptons own apartment, filled with an exquisite collection of architectural elements. Hampton also explains how she tailored each space to meet her clients needs while retaining a timeless aesthetic, and she provides design expertise on everything from fabric schemes to the particulars of paint. From a French neoclassical tour de force of architec-ture, artwork, and design to a Queen Anne summer cottage furnished to showcase the houses graceful nineteenth-century dimensions, the spaces here speak the language of designa language that, under Hamptons tutelage, anyone can master.

About the AuthorALEXA HAMPTON, president of Mark Hampton, LLC, since 1998, has annually been listed in Architectural Digest and House Beautiful as one of the countrys top interior designers. She is also the designer of a growing stable of eponymous licensed products for the home, including furniture, fabrics, carpets, and lighting. She lives in New York City with her husband and children.