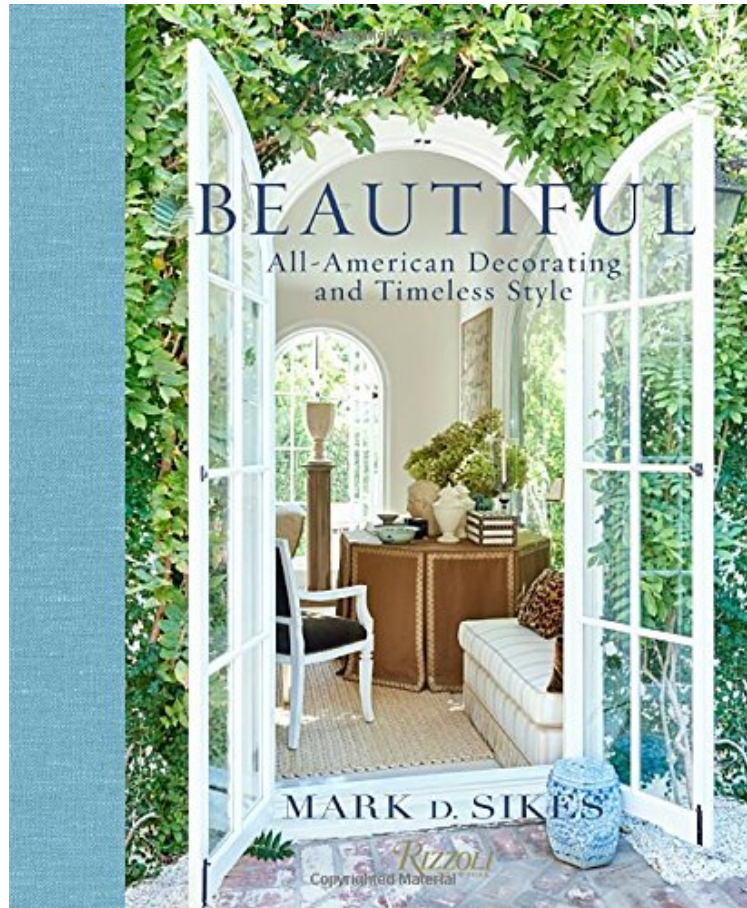


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This New York Times bestselling book from interior designer Mark D. Sikes is a celebration of American style today, showcasing chic and accessible ideas for every home. Modern and unfussy, Mark D. Sikes interiors are classic takes on California indoor/outdoor living, with natural fibers and crisp coloration, informed and influenced by the fashion world where he began his career. In eight chapters, he explores approachable, stylish looks, from "Blue and White Forever," which features indigos, stripes, batiks, and wicker in casual rooms such as porches and pool houses; to "Timeless Neutrals," presenting semiformal rooms filled with chinoiserie, gilt, glass, mirrors, banquettes, and French chairs; to "Garden Greens," featuring happy, casual family rooms and kitchens inspired by the garden with treillage woodwork, rattan, and cotton. There are also "Beautiful Brights," colorful rooms that are eclectic, layered, and fun,

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