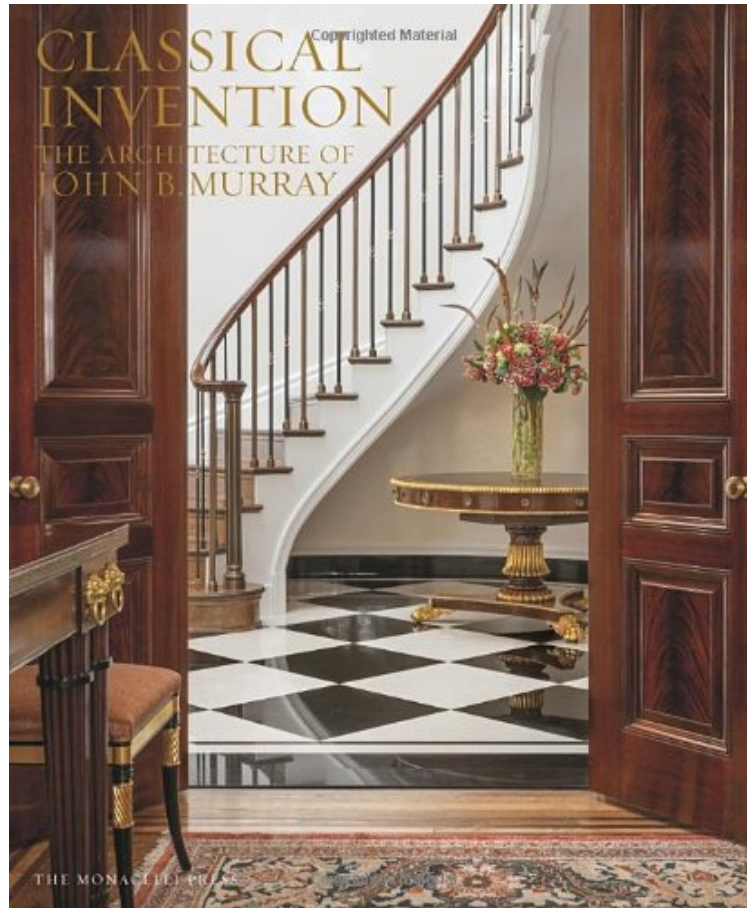


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lets you know he feels this space; there is room to breathe and room to nestle into a real home, not a museum that is only meant to be seen not lived in. There are various spaces that we as readers can actually copy perhaps in our own homes and make them more livable and loveable. We can imagine and visualize changes that we can make happen. A great book transports us to another place where we can dream and become a part of another world; *Classical Invention: The Architecture of John B. Murray* does just that.¹ of 1 people found the following review helpful. Skill and Elegance without PretenseBy jjnlaThis book is as detailed and well executed as the architecture illustrated on its pages. Whether or not one is a fan of classical architecture, one has to appreciate the thoughtful and beautifully designed interiors and homes created by Mr. Murray. The written text is approachable and informative. The images are superbly shot and arranged in a chronological manner that supports the narrative. The majority of the individual projects have accompanying floor plans which further the understanding of how talented Mr. Murray is in forging skilled and thoughtful architecture without pretense or arrogance.

Architect John B. Murray creates residences that harmonize the past with the present through stunning, meticulous design, from Fifth Avenue apartments to restored farmhouses in New England and Upstate New York to weekend getaways on Long Island Sound. He harbors a deep love of the principles of traditional architecture, while always embracing contemporary life. Through his mastery of classical detail and his profound commitment to quality in every aspect of architecture, Murray translates his clients ideas of home, comfort, and refinement into physical form. In this richly illustrated collection of eighteen country and city residences, Murray reveals his design approach through engaging prose and drawings. For each project, he creates the traditional Beaux-Arts drawing known as the analytique, which brings together all of the significant elements of a design in a harmonious and balanced whole. *Classical Invention* reproduces these exquisitely hand-drawn studies alongside stunning photographs of each home. "I have found the language of classical design to be a limitless source of invention as well as a true touchstone of quality . . . we have to look at our built history with a fresh eye, using it to create classically inspired spaces that are appropriate for our times." John Murray

About the AuthorJohn B. Murray is principal of John B. Murray Architect, a New York-based firm specializing in residential projects in the classical tradition. He received the prestigious Palladio Award for the design of a Connecticut residence in 2009 and the Stanford White Award for Residential Architecture in 2012.