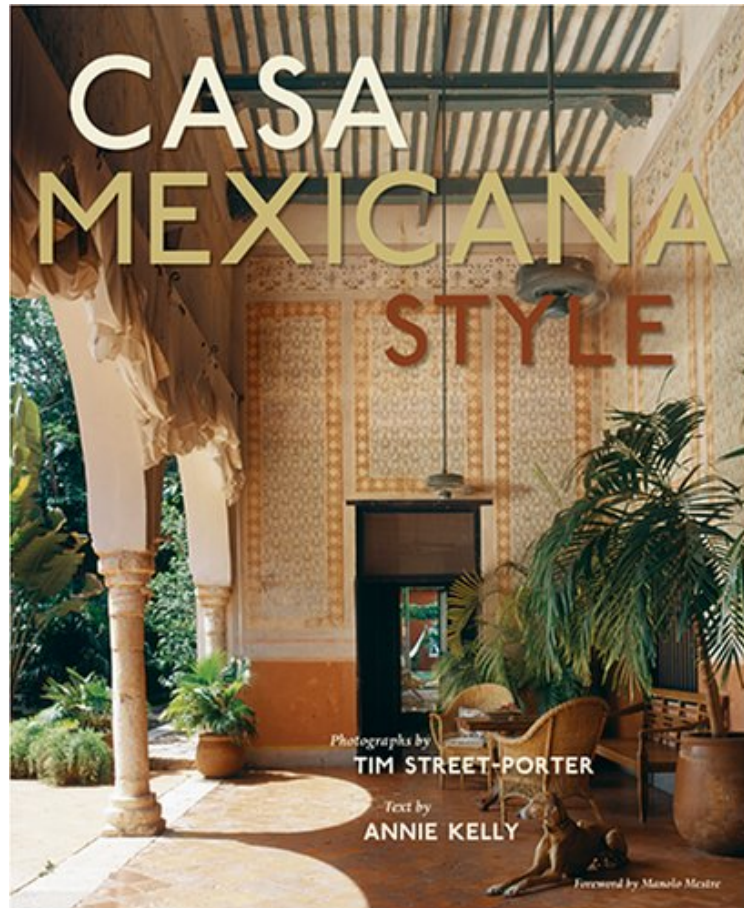


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Annie Kelly : Casa Mexicana Style before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Casa Mexicana Style:

27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful but not what I expectedBy JeanieI just received my book a couple of days ago, and have been reading some of it, and looking at all of the pictures. It is a beautiful book with many beautiful pictures in great color, however, I expected to see more of the interiors of the haciendas. I am in the middle of decorating my condo mexican style, and I am interested in seeing new decorating ideas. This book showed mostly the architecture of the haciendas.Somewhat disappointed.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great ideasBy Sheila M. DupuisWe have created many projects at home from this book18 of 19 people found the following review helpful. InformercialBy Carol A. JohnsonThe photograhly was beautiful, the houses plush and inviting, but the book read as an informercial for the interior design services of "friends" of the authors. I think Carr and others have done just as good of a job or better,and their books are more reasonably priced.The book was reminiscent of tourist pamphlets, beautiul pictures tooting virtues limited to a selected service, in this instance a few

"designers." Ideas were limited, and represented a selected "Mexicana Style." One house looked much like another as the architecture was similar or the designer was the same. Not representative of Mexican design. It was a pity, I expected more.

In 1521, when the Spanish arrived in Mexico, they were amazed at the spectacular architecture and complex urban planning they encountered in the great city of Tenochtitlan (modern-day Mexico City). To the native Mayan, Aztec, and Olmec traditions that had flourished throughout Mexico, the Spanish brought their own influences, resulting in an extraordinarily rich design heritage that survives to this day. Acclaimed architectural photographer Tim Street-Porter vividly captures this enduring passion for design in *Casa Mexicana Style*, the follow-up to his best-selling *Casa Mexicana* (more than 100,000 copies sold). In this gorgeous new book featuring more than 250 photographs, Street-Porter takes us on an insiders tour of 30 stunning homes, from urbane city apartments and modernist beach houses to stately rural haciendas and lovingly restored colonial townhouses. All of the residences showcased here are enlivened by a natural blending of indoors and outdoors, a vibrant palette shaped by the sun-drenched surroundings, and an artful incorporation of the country's celebrated crafts and handiwork. Whether large or small, historical or contemporary, Mexican houses are artistic statements, expressing the unique and inimitable lifestyle of their creators. *Casa Mexicana Style* is a welcoming invitation to bask in the beauty of these homes, to enjoy their charm and sophistication.

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