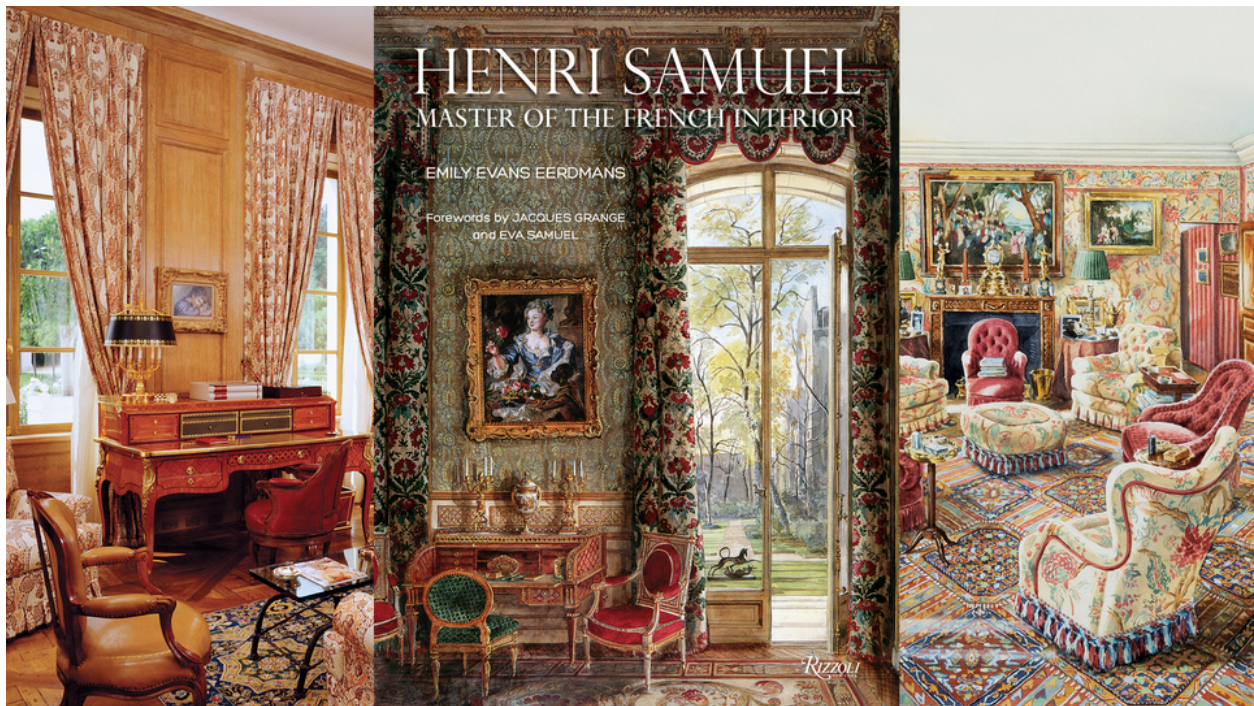


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5 Best Design Books To Buy This Summer

Ayesha Shaikh reviews a selection of tomes that offer the ultimate design and travel inspiration this season



'Henri Samuel: Master of the French Interior' by Emily Evans Eerdmans: This hefty tome is a visual souvenir of the life and works of Henri Samuel (1904-96), one of the most prolific French interior designers of the 20th century, known for his know-how of traditional design and eye for contemporary furnishings. Immense in every sense, this book illustrates the breadth of styles in which the polymath worked, taking the reader inside some of his most ground-breaking interiors for an exclusive roster of clients that

included Doris Duke, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan and Valentino Garavani. It charts his career, starting from his first job assisting Stéphane Boudin of Jansen in the 1920s, to gaining ground in the 80s. He was a master of recreating intimate spaces in classic French historic styles and mixing them up with other decorative traditions. Think about marvelling at Modernist paintings that look over Empire consoles, viewing delightfully-paired Louis XIII furniture and Oriental objects, and sitting in regal neoclassical chairs that stand beside pared-down brass and Plexiglass tables. "It was this great combination of perfect taste and liveability that had clients returning for half a century," says Eerdmans in the book. Rizzoli. Dhs275. Rizzoliusa.com