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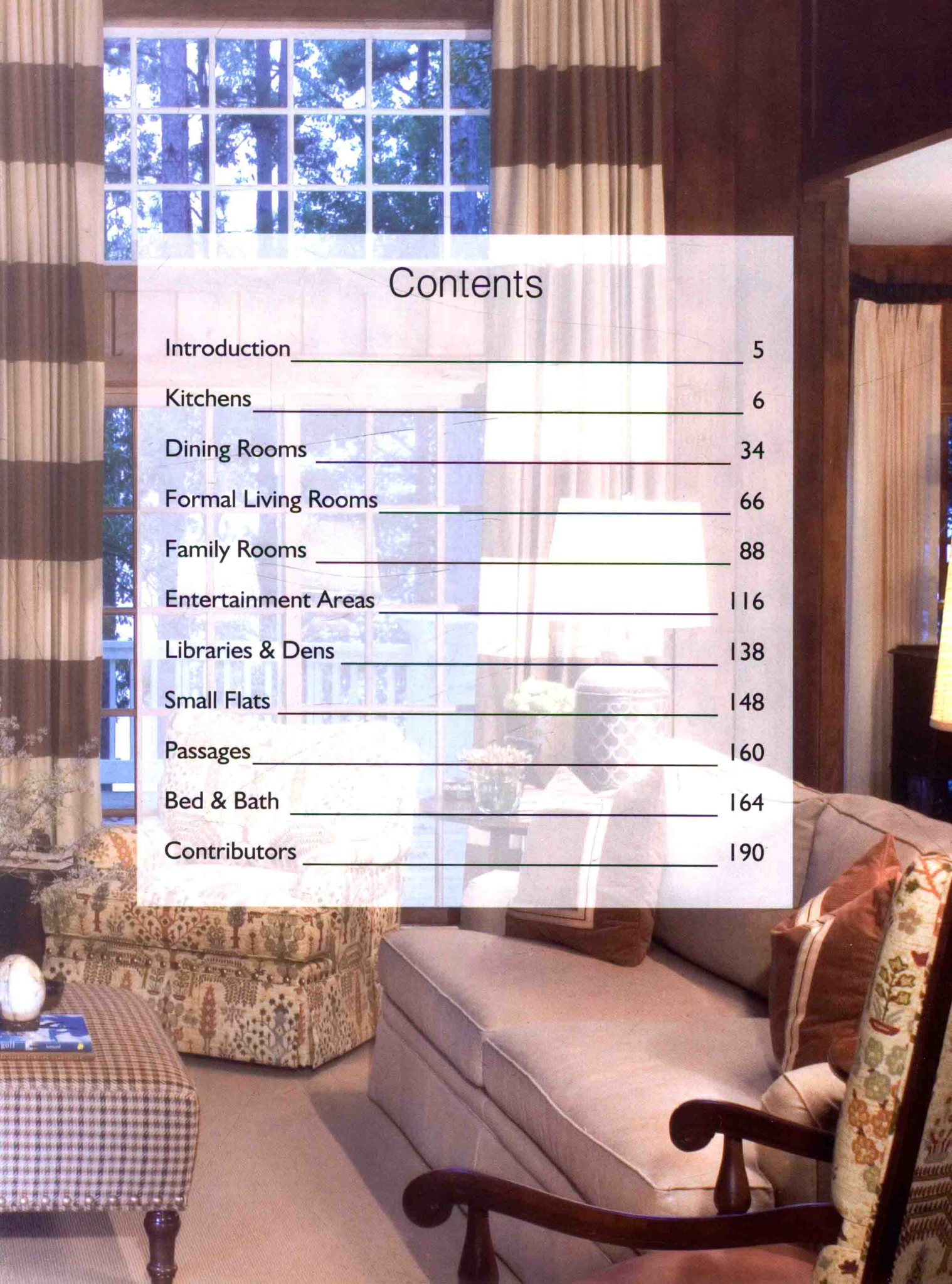
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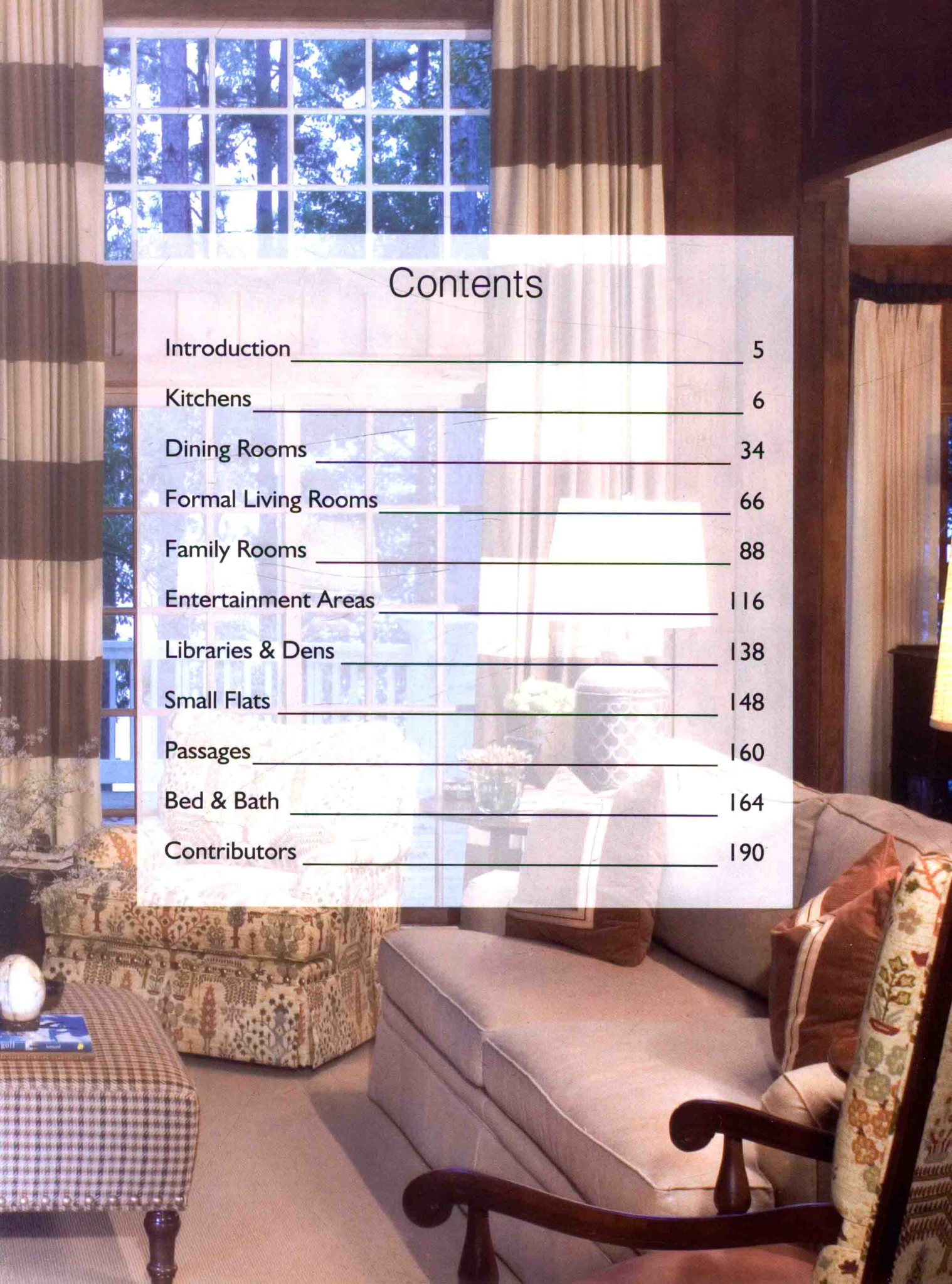
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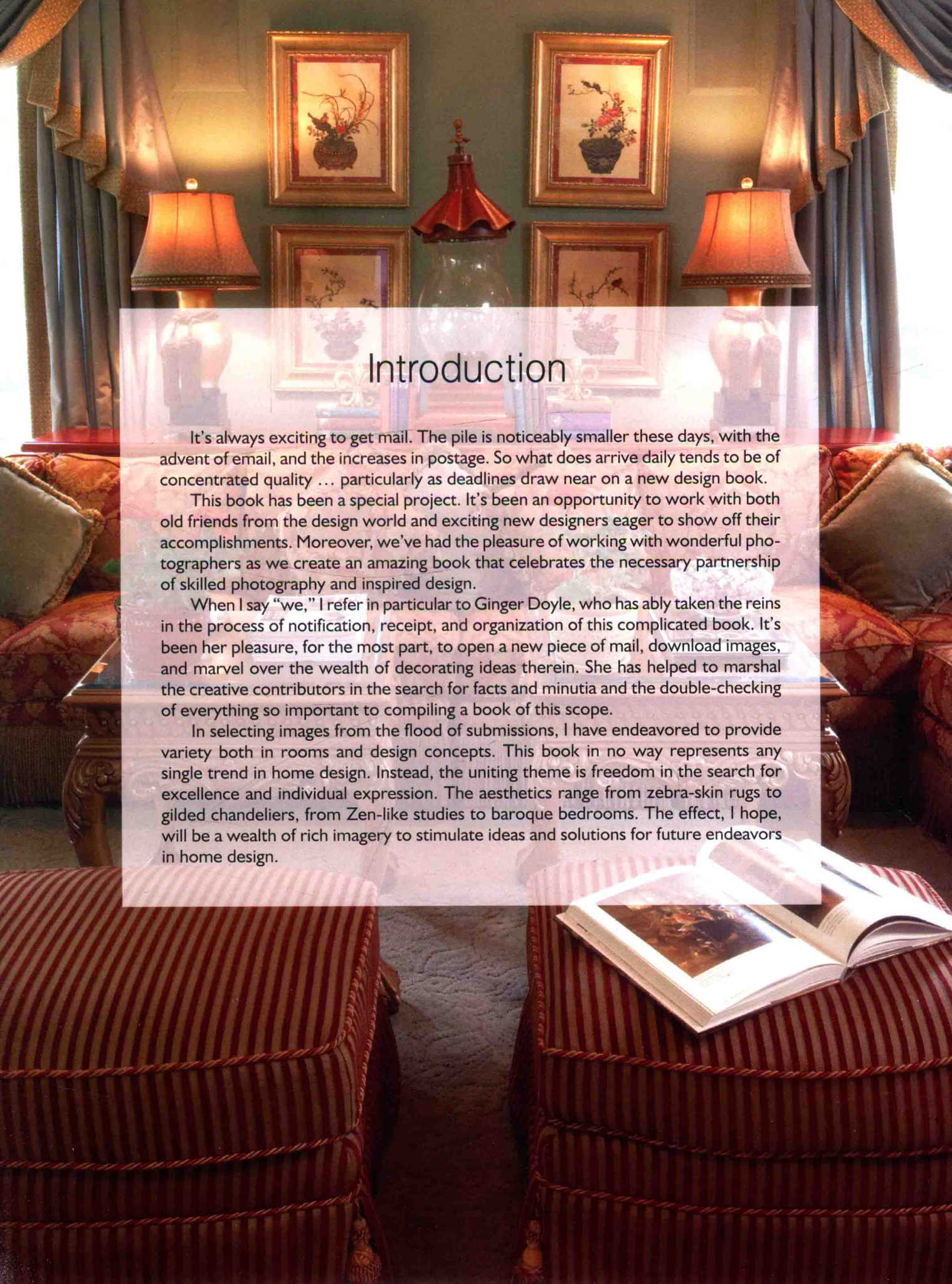


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## Introduction

It's always exciting to get mail. The pile is noticeably smaller these days, with the advent of email, and the increases in postage. So what does arrive daily tends to be of concentrated quality ... particularly as deadlines draw near on a new design book.

This book has been a special project. It's been an opportunity to work with both old friends from the design world and exciting new designers eager to show off their accomplishments. Moreover, we've had the pleasure of working with wonderful photographers as we create an amazing book that celebrates the necessary partnership of skilled photography and inspired design.

When I say "we," I refer in particular to Ginger Doyle, who has ably taken the reins in the process of notification, receipt, and organization of this complicated book. It's been her pleasure, for the most part, to open a new piece of mail, download images, and marvel over the wealth of decorating ideas therein. She has helped to marshal the creative contributors in the search for facts and minutia and the double-checking of everything so important to compiling a book of this scope.

In selecting images from the flood of submissions, I have endeavored to provide variety both in rooms and design concepts. This book in no way represents any single trend in home design. Instead, the uniting theme is freedom in the search for excellence and individual expression. The aesthetics range from zebra-skin rugs to gilded chandeliers, from Zen-like studies to baroque bedrooms. The effect, I hope, will be a wealth of rich imagery to stimulate ideas and solutions for future endeavors in home design.



# Kitchens









# Cucina Italiano





A kitchen's decor harkens to France's rural Province region, with a grand display of the region's colorful pottery, and a wine rack stocked with one of its finest products. The kitchen and dining room combination was handsomely outfitted with lots of storage space, with cabinets spanning each wall, and a central island console with built-in cupboards. Beneath the stove's wood-encased hood, a tile mosaic adds traditional beauty, while the antiqued finish of the island lends a rustic appearance to its fluted pilasters. Above, a wrought-iron fixture sheds light on the countertop.

*Design: Eleanore Berman, ASID, Design 2 Interiors*

*Photography: Russell Abraham*





## Captivating Cuisine



The highlights of this gorgeous kitchen are in the fine cabinetry that covers each wall: elegantly carved details on the custom island, a beautiful mantle above the range, and rich crown moulding ringing all. The island has been designed to give the appearance of a piece of furniture, and has two levels of granite countertop to facilitate food preparation by multiple chefs. Stainless steel appliances are a clean, modern accent in this classic space, and are integrated seamlessly into the overall look. Carved wooden columns, for example, flank the stove. On the marble tile floor, a throw rug matches the tan and amber tones of the flecked granite counters.

*Design: Gwen Nagorsky, ASID of Directions in Design, Inc.  
Photography: Peter Rymwid*







# Island Re-Treat



A palatial kitchen circles round a central island created in fine furniture fashion. Upholstered chairs gather round a sunlit breakfast nook nearby.

*Design: Agostino's Design Group  
Photography: Randall Perry*





Three colors interplay in this kitchen, creating a dramatic visual theme. Roosters in a ceiling border and a plant are among the touches that add hominess to the setting, but the strict discipline of maintaining a color scheme helps keep this room, traditionally a clutter magnet, clear.

*Design: Pricilla Fried Interior Design/Staging  
Photography: Ivy D Photography, Inc.*