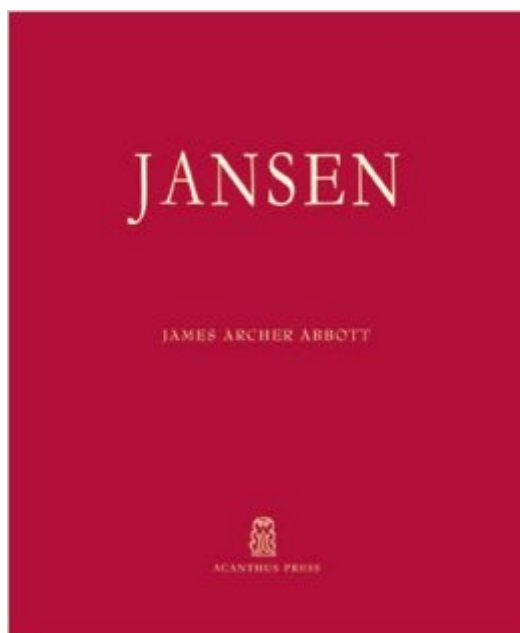


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# Jansen (20th Century Decorators)



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JANSEN is the first comprehensive study of Maison Jansen - the most celebrated decorating house of the 20th century. The book documents the evolution of this legendary Paris-based company from family firm to global enterprise. It showcases over 30 of the firm's most alluring commissions, including rooms for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, the Shah and Shahbanou of Iran, and President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy for whom Jansen renovated and redecorated the White House. Over 300 illustrations in color and duotone.

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## Customer Reviews

James Archer Abbott has crafted a subject long overlooked after a decades old wait for 'in the know' Design and Decorative Arts' aficionados; The prior book on Jansen was long out of print and seldom left those Design Libraries it graced. Incredible Classic Top End Projects by Jansen set the standard for Interior Decoration and this book sets a high standard indeed for anyone who wants to ascribe to these highest classic standards. I gifted friends and Clients with over a half-dozen of these!

This is a very good book on the most famous decorating house of the 20th century. Maison Jansen was the benchmark for decorating, you had officially arrived when you were able to get on the list to use them, price was no obstacle, if you used them it was assumed that they had a blank check. This

book has highly informative text and the images are crisp and vivid. Much of their best work is covered in detail and even the minor work gets mention. I highly recommend this book to any one with any interest in design; Jansen, was quite simply, the best.

A very interesting book and a nice follow up to the 1970's cheaply produced book called Jansen Decoration (if you can find that book you'll shell out a lotta clams). Anyway I have one of the 70's books and comparing the content (not the quality of the earlier book) against this one, I was struck and how rather bland some of the rooms were that are featured in the new book. The 1970's book is filled (black and white photos unfortunately) with really chic rooms. So I guess I'm a bit prejudiced since I already had something to compare this one to. Anyway this is a great reference work for anyone interested in the history of Jansen interior design. Stylemaven

This is a beautifully presented book that provides a fascinating insight into the history of the legendary design firm, Maison Jansen. The most prestigious firm of its time, and one of the longest running (over a century), and most international, Maison Jansen completed some of the most celebrated interiors for the most influential people. Clients included royalty, statesmen, the rich and the famous - the Paley's 5th Avenue apartment, the White House for the Kennedy's, the Wrightsman's home, as well as homes and projects for the Shah of Iran, King Leopold of Belgium, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, etc. There are plenty of photographs (although some in black and white), along with sketches and illustrations for proposals and completed schemes. The only thing missing is a reference of the amazing furniture created for each of their projects, but thankfully this issue has been addressed with a follow up volume titled "Jansen Furniture" by the same author, which I hope will be just as deserving of my high recommendation.

Thank you for this book. I have always liked Jansen work but had no idea of the expanse of his work or styles. James Archer Abbott has done an outstanding research. Thank you!

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