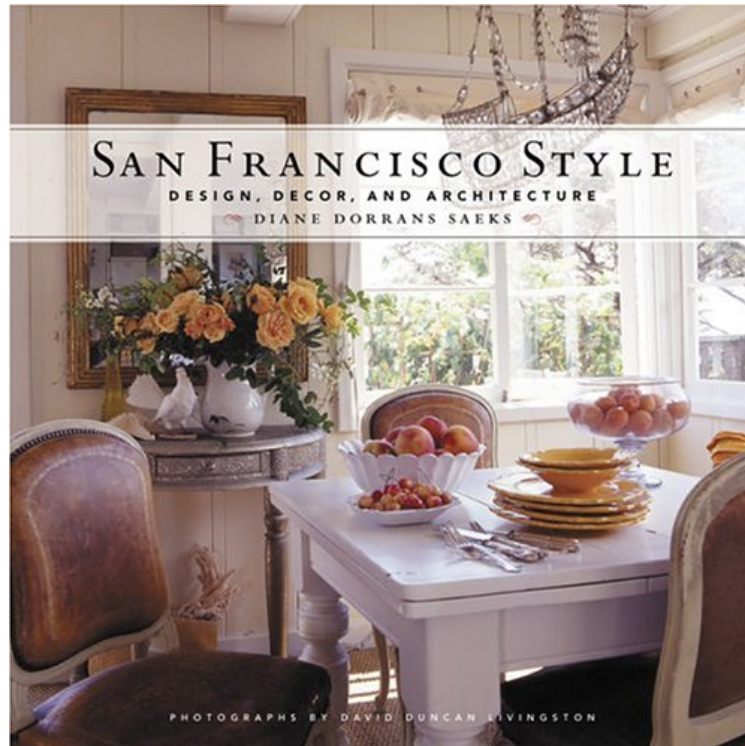


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Style expert Diane Dorrans Saeks has an eye for design and she's setting her sights on the City by the Bay. This lavishly photographed book opens the doors to exquisite Bay Area dwellings, inviting readers of all tastes into just-so apartments, grand houses, light-drenched lofts, and cozy bungalows. Enter the graceful abode of San Francisco luminary Ann Getty, whose unique vision is reflected in a multitude of textures unrestricted by style or period. Visit designer Steven Volpe's South of Market loft, converted from a 1916 printing factory. A tour of Dr. Paul Turek's hillside home pays homage to classic contemporary Italian design (and the art of crafting the perfect surfboard). With more than 200 inspiring color photographs, this collection captures the scope of homes and lifestyles that make the northern California region unique. And with Diane Dorrans Saeks's list of where to shop, view art, and truly get an inside look at the city notorious for stealing hearts, this is the perfect guide for interior designers, accomplished home stylists, and anyone looking to create San Francisco style.

From Publishers Weekly Architecturally, San Francisco style encompasses elements ranging from Victorian to modernist. Aesthetically, it varies, yet some driving forces persist; namely, "personal style, individuality and dream-fulfillment." In this lush volume, Saeks, California editor of Metropolitan Home, explores some San Francisco homes that are perfect examples of that variety and sense of distinctiveness. She begins with a Pacific Heights residence that overflows with historic grandeur (think museum-worthy giltwood mantles and a sumptuous George II armchair) and then moves on to a South of Market loft that epitomizes the "polished ideal of city living": refined raw silk shades, a "chandelier" made of paper and wire, a bathroom floored in teak decking. There's also a Nob Hill apartment, accented with a calm and subtle dcor; a charming Sausalito cottage; and an Oakland Hills home stocked with furniture and decorative accessories created by its owners. The interiors Saeks chooses to highlight are overwhelmingly high-end yet, regardless of readers' aspirations, the book will surely remind them of the rewards of taking an innovative approach to design. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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